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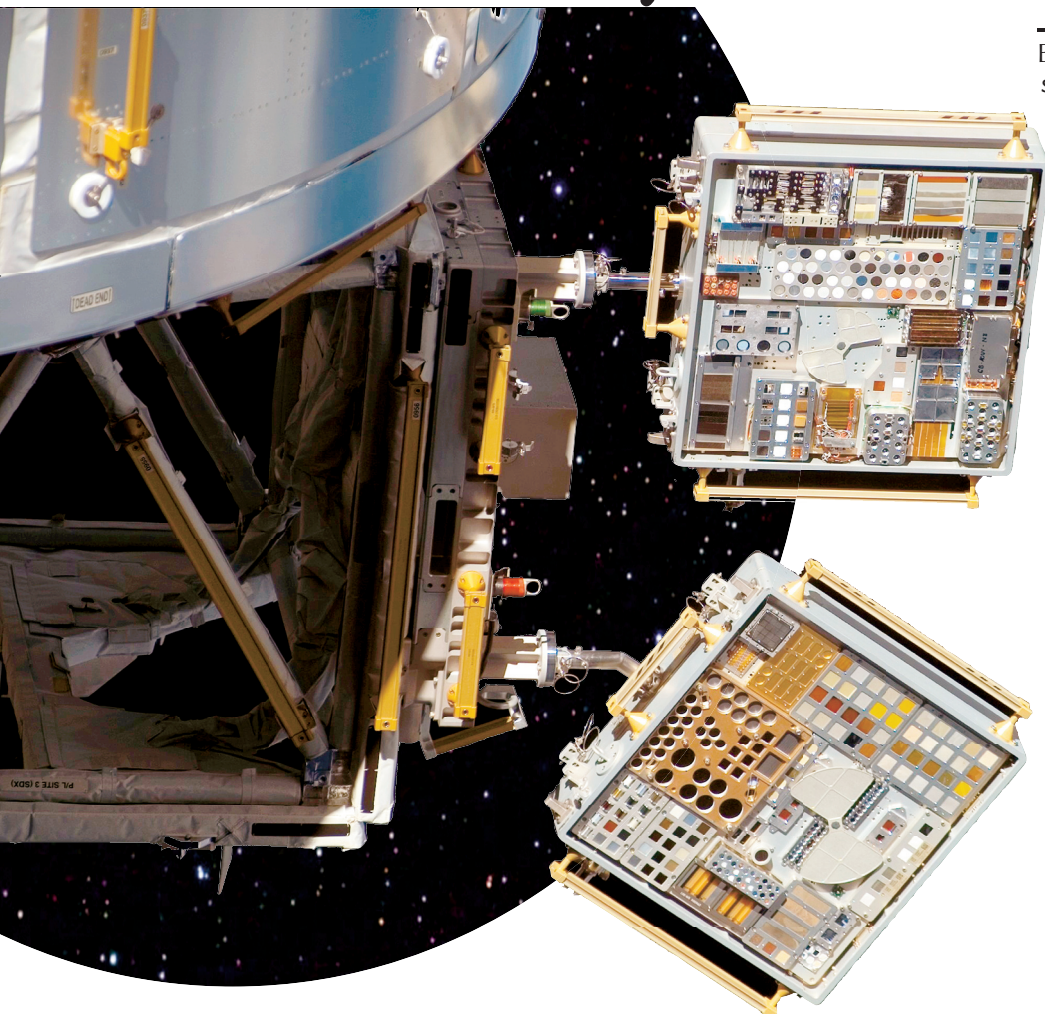
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# NASA's Discovery returns with USU students' projects



By PETER BROWN  
staff writer

Two USU students traveled to NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., to retrieve student projects that floated in space for the last year and a half.

Josh Hodges, graduate student working on a master's degree in physics, and Amberly Evans, undergraduate in physics and chemistry, arrived in mid October to receive and disassemble the pieces.

In March 2008, space shuttle Endeavor brought the students' projects, SUSSPECS (State of Utah Space Environment and Contamination Study), to the space station, and in September, space shuttle Discovery safely returned it to Earth. The project was designed to test 168 different materials' strength in outer space. USU's research is a slice of a larger NASA study to find which materials will best serve to build future spacecrafts.

"We put two years of work into this project prior to the (Endeavor's) launching," said Hodges, who has been the team coordinator for the project since spring 2006. "It was a lot of work, and watching the shuttle go up was the most rewarding part of this experience."

The projects consisted of metal plates that carried several different elements, such as gold, silver, copper, glass and quartz, Hodges said. These elements covered the front and backside of the plates, each element no larger than a

dime.

Evans, Hodges and the other four members of the USU team will do tests on the returned samples. About half of the samples will remain at USU, and the other half will be sent out to USU colleagues for further study.

"One of the main focuses of this study is spacecraft charging," Hodges said. "When high-energy electrons from the sun hit the spacecraft, the materials will charge up. We then monitor how the materials react, and how they change so we can better predict their behavior."

J.R. Dennison, faculty adviser of the USU team, has conducted research groups that study the effects of materials in outer space for the last 15 years.

"Working with these students was incredible," Dennison said. "We were the last group to be added to the launch. Our guys started from absolute scratch from start to finish, and yet, they were the first group done."

Dennison said the most challenging part of the process was learning the ins and outs of a shuttle launch. He said there were countless protocols and safety experiments.

"Space is a harsh environment, and things change dramatically out there," Dennison said. "Very small changes can have huge effects that can lead to catastrophic failures. The great part about this was the team, as a whole, had flown

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## USU scientists study bacteria in Great Salt Lake

By CATHERINE MEIDELL  
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USU's post-doctoral scientists in metagenomics are breaking ground in bacterial research in the waters of the Great Salt Lake, a project funded by the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL).

The partnership with EMSL began two years ago; however, this is the first project EMSL has asked USU to execute.

"Universities like MIT, Harvard and Yale are doing this same type of research," said Jacob Parnell, a USU biologist for the Center of Integrated BioSystems. "Our partnership with EMSL laboratory allows us to be on the cutting edge of microbial ecology."

The project aims to distinguish the difference in the way proteins carry out respiration in bacteria with oxygen, opposed to other compounds like heavy metals, Parnell said. Currently, the Genome Institute, part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science located at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., is sequencing all the bacteria and archaea from a water sample of the Great Salt Lake taken by USU biologists. It will then determine the proteins present in the bacteria's DNA.

Jeannine Hunemann, project coordinator for USU's Center of Integrated BioSystems, said once EMSL researchers establish a protein database, USU biologists will observe the way proteins change using different elements.

Parnell said, "The project will help look at all of the proteins as they change from breathing oxygen to a different compound."

He said when the sun goes down at the end of the day, bacteria can no longer perform photosynthesis using sunlight,



**USU RESEARCHERS** are studying the waters of the Great Salt Lake. The project is funded by the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory. *STATESMAN photo*

and they use up the oxygen in the water quickly. Because of the high concentration of salt in the water, it is difficult for oxygen to be produced, even with sunlight. Bacteria must rely on compounds like nitrates and heavy metals to stay alive, Parnell said. Bacteria must change their proteins as their environment changes to remain functional, he said.

Giovanni Rompato, Parnell's partner in the bacteria research, said it would not be possible to do the research without EMSL, and USU is privileged to have the opportunity to participate in the prestigious experiments. Without EMSL, USU would not have the technology necessary to perform the research, he said.

Rompato said, "We have had some samples submitted, but the bulk of the project will be done over the next three years."

There are 100 to 300 different types of bacteria and archaea in the community being sampled, Parnell said, which is a relatively

small number compared to the bacteria count in soil. He said one teaspoon of soil can contain 10,000 species of bacteria. In comparison, Parnell said researching bacteria in water is "a piece of cake." Parnell's and Rompato's research will cover the bacteria life specifically located in the north arm of the lake.

"We had the proposal from the Department of Energy to do all the DNA within this community, and one of the things we found out when we did it is compared to many of the communities we have. This is a very simple community," Parnell said.

The groundbreaking research will create many benefits in the realm of energy conservation, Parnell said. First of all, it will be a valuable teaching tool for current and future biologists. He said by studying a more simple community, he will be able to look at a bacterium after putting it in a different environment and observe its changes, which is more

difficult to observe in a complex community. He said the project is one that few universities are able to participate in. The project will give implications of how bacteria was first able to use oxygen, and how bacteria keeps the environment clean of heavy metals and toxic chemicals, he said.

Rompato and Parnell are also working with microbiologist Bart Weimer from the University of California-Davis and EMSL scientist Stephen Callister on the bacterial research project.

"This is going to give us more information than we have ever had before about the Great Salt Lake," Parnell said. "The lake is really a treasure and this is something we have in our backyard. Many who have grown up in Utah think it's a waste of water because it holds so much salt but understanding how bacteria survives in such a hostile environment can greatly benefit us."

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## Associate in pre-engineering to be offered

By RACHEL A. CHRISTENSEN  
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The Board of Trustees approved the Associate of Pre-Engineering degree (APE) to be offered at USU's three regional campuses effective spring 2010. APE was approved during December's meeting.

USU's College of Engineering has been involved in the process from the beginning, and College of Engineering Dean Scott Hinton said Associate Dean Wynn Walker led in creating the degree.

Hinton said creation of APE didn't cause the university any additional costs. The regional campuses will use faculty for the APE acquired by House Bill 185, which, according to a Faculty Senate document, allotted \$5 million in 2007 to regional campuses for new buildings, programs and faculty. Hinton said the use of online technologies will also help keep costs down.

"The hope is that new students that join the program will eventually cover any costs that we have," Hinton said. "Right now with budget cuts, we don't really have money to throw at it."

APE is made up of the same prerequisite courses – the fundamentals such as math, physics and chemistry – that a student would take in the first two years as a USU engineering major.

According to Board of Trustees documents, the new degree is aimed at two specific groups: those who would like to continue on to get a bachelor's degree in engineering and those already working in the field.

Hinton said many people will benefit from APE. For example, Hinton said if a student in Uintah Basin wants to study engineering, he or she can do so at the regional campus and leave the basin with an associate degree instead of just credits. He said the associate degree will help students feel like they accomplished something when they leave the regional campuses.

Once students earn their APE, Hinton said they can come to USU or another university to finish their engineering degree.

Students who earn the APE will find it benefi-

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## Celebs&People

NEW YORK (AP) – **Regis Philbin** had successful hip replacement surgery Tuesday, and plans to return to his syndicated daytime talk show early next month.

An e-mail from “Live! With Regis and Kelly” says: “Word from the hospital is that everything went perfectly this morning during Regis’ hip replacement surgery, and his doctor said that Regis couldn’t be in better shape.”

The show says the typical recovery period is four to six weeks, and the 78-year-old Philbin expects to return soon after the first of the year.

No other details were available.

Philbin had triple heart bypass surgery in 2007.



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## NewsBriefs

### Nurse says Mitchell faked symptoms

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A psychiatric nurse who observed the man charged with abducting Elizabeth Smart said Tuesday she believes he has faked psychiatric symptoms and behaviors to avoid prosecution and remain at a state hospital.

Leslie Miles, a former employee of Utah State Hospital, testified during the second day of a competency hearing for Brian David Mitchell.

Mitchell, 56, is charged in federal court with kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor. If convicted, he could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Mitchell was able to take care of himself and ask for things while in the hospital’s forensic unit but refused to participate in any treatments or therapies, Miles said.

“It was the refusal that was a big red flag that he was faking,” said Miles, who worked at the hospital for 13 years and was the nursing supervisor of the forensic unit. “He wouldn’t engage in any way to move himself along.”

## LateNiteHumor

**David Letterman, Dec. 17, 2008 – Top 10 Things Jim Carrey Will Always Say Yes To Presented By Jim Carrey.**

10. Dressing up like an Iraqi and throwing a shoe at President Bush.
9. Watching YouTube video of guys getting hit in the nuts.
8. A fan asking for a hug – unless it’s a dude.
7. Fresh ground pepper.
6. David Letterman’s drunken requests to see me taking a bath.
5. People who ask me to say, “All-righty then!” That never gets old.
4. Sex with a big, fat roadside waitress.
3. Lucrative endorsement deals: Remember, you’re not fully clean unless you’re Zestfully clean.
2. The question, “Aren’t you Jim Carrey, the funniest, sexiest, most talented man in all of Hollywood?”
1. Tub time with Larry King.

# Obama orders 30,000 troops to Afghanistan

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) – Declaring “our security is at stake,” President Barack Obama ordered an additional 30,000 U.S. troops into the long war in Afghanistan Tuesday night, nearly tripling the force he inherited as commander in chief. He promised an impatient public he would begin bringing units home in 18 months.

The buildup to about 100,000 troops will begin almost immediately – the first Marines will be in place by Christmas – and will cost \$30 billion for the first year alone.

In a prime-time speech at the U.S. Military Academy, the president told the nation his new policy was designed to “bring this war to a successful conclusion,” though he made no mention of defeating Taliban insurgents or capturing al-Qaida terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

“We must deny al-Qaida a safe haven,” Obama said in spelling out U.S. military goals for a war that has dragged on for eight years. “We must reverse the Taliban’s momentum. ... And we must strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan’s security forces and government.”

The president said the additional forces would be deployed at “the fastest pace possible so that they can target the insurgency and secure key population centers.”

Their destination: “the epicenter of the violent extremism practiced by al-Qaida.”

“It is from here that we were attacked on 9/11, and it is from here that new attacks are being plotted as I speak,” the president said.

It marked the second time in his young presidency that Obama has added to the American force in Afghanistan, where the Taliban has recently made significant advances. When he became president last



**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** speaks about the war in Afghanistan at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Tuesday, Dec. 1. *AP photo*

January, there were roughly 34,000 troops on the ground; there now are 71,000.

After the speech, cadets in the audience – some of whom could end up in combat because of Obama’s decision – climbed over chairs to shake hands with their commander in chief and take his picture.

Obama’s announcement drew less-wholehearted support from congressional Democrats. Many of them favor a quick withdrawal, but others have already proposed higher taxes to pay for the fighting.

Republicans reacted warily, as well. Officials said Sen. John McCain, who was Obama’s Republican opponent in last year’s presidential campaign, told Obama at an early evening meeting attended by numerous lawmakers that declaring a timetable for a withdrawal would merely send the Taliban underground until the Americans began to leave.

As a candidate, Obama called Afghanistan a war worth fighting, as opposed to Iraq,

a conflict he opposed and has since begun easing out of.

A new survey by the Gallup organization, released Tuesday, showed only 35 percent of Americans now approve of Obama’s handling of the war; 55 percent disapprove.

He made no direct reference to public opinion Tuesday night, although he seemed to touch on it when he said, “The American people are understandably focused on rebuilding our economy and putting people to work here at home.”

“After 18 months, our troops will begin to come home,” he said flatly.

In eight years of war, 849 Americans have been killed in Afghanistan, Pakistan and neighboring Uzbekistan, according to the Pentagon.

In addition to beefing up the U.S. presence, Obama has asked NATO allies to commit between 5,000 and 10,000 additional troops. The war has even less support in Europe than in the United States, and the NATO allies and other countries currently have about

40,000 troops on the ground.

He said he was counting on Afghanistan eventually taking over its own security, and he warned, “The days of providing a blank check are over.” He said the United States would support Afghan ministries that combat corruption and “deliver for the people. We expect those who are ineffective or corrupt to be held accountable.”

As for neighboring Pakistan, the president said that country and the United States “share a common enemy” in Islamic terrorists. “We are in Afghanistan to prevent a cancer from once again spreading through that country. But this same cancer has also taken root in the border region of Pakistan. That is why we need a strategy that works on both sides of the border.”

The speech before an audience of cadets at the military academy ended a three-month review of the war, triggered by a request from the commanding general, Stanley McChrystal, for as many as 40,000 more troops. Without

them, he warned, the U.S. risked failure.

The speech was still under way when the general issued a statement from Kabul. “The Afghanistan-Pakistan review led by the president has provided me with a clear military mission and the resources to accomplish our task,” it said. McChrystal is expected to testify before congressional committees in the next several days.

Obama referred to a deteriorating military environment, but said, “Afghanistan is not lost.”

The length of the presidential review drew mild rebukes from normally amiable NATO allies. There was sharper criticism from Republicans led by former Vice President Dick Cheney, who said the president was dithering rather than deciding.

Obama rebutted forcefully.

“Let me be clear: There has never been an option before me that called for troop deployments before 2010, so there has been no delay or denial of resources necessary for the conduct of the war,” he told his audience of more than 4,000 cadets seated in Eisenhower Hall.

Most of the new forces will be combat troops. Military officials said the Army brigades were most likely to be sent from Fort Drum in New York and Fort Campbell in Kentucky; and Marines primarily from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Officials said the additional 30,000 troops included about 5,000 dedicated trainers, underscoring the president’s emphasis on preparing Afghans to take over their own security.

These aides said that by announcing a date for beginning a withdrawal, the president was not setting an end date for the war.

# South Africa to treat all HIV-positive babies

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) – South Africa announced ambitious new plans Tuesday for earlier and expanded treatment for HIV-positive babies and pregnant women, a change that could save hundreds of thousands of lives in the nation hardest hit by the virus that causes AIDS.

President Jacob Zuma – once ridiculed for saying a shower could prevent AIDS – was cheered as he outlined the measures on World AIDS Day. The new policy marks a dramatic shift from former President Thabo Mbeki, whose health minister distrusted drugs developed to keep AIDS patients alive and instead promoted garlic and beet treatments. Those policies led to more than 300,000 premature deaths, a Harvard study concluded.

The changes are in line with new guidelines issued a day earlier by the World Health Organization that call for HIV-infected pregnant women to be given drugs earlier and while breastfeeding. By treating all HIV-infected babies, survival rates should also improve for the youngest citizens in South Africa, one of only 12 countries where child mortality has worsened since 1990, in part due to AIDS.

Zuma compared the fight against HIV, which infects one in 10 South Africans, to the decades-long struggle his party led against the apartheid government, which ended in 1994 with the election of Nelson Mandela in the country’s first multiracial vote.

“At another moment in our history, in another context, the liberation movement observed that the time comes in the life of any nation when there remain only two choices: submit or fight,” Zuma said. “That time has now come in our struggle to overcome AIDS. Let us declare now, as we declared then, that we shall not submit.”

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that new infec-



**A CHILD PLAYS** in a plastic playhouse at Cotland’s, a well-known children’s home that offers community-based and residential care facilities to sick and vulnerable children from surrounding neighbourhoods in Johannesburg, South Africa, in this photo taken Friday, Nov. 13. *AP photo*

tions are outpacing the gains from treating people with the HIV virus. He said that more must be done urgently to reach the U.N. goal of providing universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010.

“That means countering any form of HIV-related stigma and discrimination,” Ban said in a statement. “It means eliminating violence against women and girls. It means ensuring access to HIV information and services.”

Zuma was greeted with a standing ovation when he entered a Pretoria exhibition hall filled with several thousand people.

In some ways, Zuma is an unlikely AIDS hero. As his Zulu tradition allows, he has three wives. Â experts say having multiple, concurrent partners heightens the risk of AIDS. And in 2006, while being tried on charges of raping an HIV-positive family friend, he testified he took a shower after extramarital sex to lower the risk of AIDS. He was acquitted of rape.

The one-time chairman of the

country’s national AIDS council may never live down the shower comment. But Zuma has won praise for appointing Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi as his health minister. AIDS activists say Motsoaledi trusts science and is willing to learn from past mistakes.

South Africa, a nation of about 50 million, has an estimated 5.7 million people infected with HIV, more than any other country.

UNAIDS executive director Michel Sidibe, who took the podium shortly before Zuma, told the president: “What you do from this day forward will write, or rewrite, the story of AIDS across Africa.”

Zuma said in his speech broadcast across South Africa on state radio and television that the policy changes would take effect in April. They include treatment for all children under 1 year old, regardless of their level of CD4 cells, a measure of immune system health.

Patients with both tuberculosis and HIV will get treatment if their CD4 count is 350 or less, compared to 200

now, which means treatment would start earlier. Pregnant women who are HIV-positive also would start treatment earlier. That is in line with the new WHO recommendations that doctors start HIV patients on drugs when their level of CD4 cells is about 350.

The expanded treatment was expected to be free, as it is now, although Zuma did not confirm that. He said all health institutions, not just specialist centers, would provide counseling, testing and treatment.

He also called on South Africans to get tested for HIV. But, contrary to speculation in recent days, he did not take an HIV test Tuesday.

“I have taken HIV tests before and I know my status,” he said. “I will do another test soon as part of this new campaign. I urge you to start planning for your own tests.”

Kurt Firnhaber, who runs Right to Care, one of the largest private providers of AIDS treatment, counseling and testing in South Africa, said Zuma outlined “steps that aren’t rhetoric – if they’re implemented.”

He said the burden would now be on the government and foreign donors to find the money to meet Zuma’s ambitious goals.

On Tuesday, in response to a plea from Zuma, the United States announced it was giving South Africa \$120 million over the next two years for AIDS treatment drugs. That is in addition to \$560 million the U.S. has already pledged to give South Africa in 2010 for fighting AIDS.

Mark Heywood, executive member of the Treatment Action Campaign, an independent group that has challenged the South African government on AIDS, said the Zuma speech marked a departure in thinking that would have a global impact. Heywood shared the stage with Zuma on Tuesday.



# Anxious fans camp outside Spectrum

*Aggies spend the night in hopes of good seats*

By RACHEL A. CHRISTENSEN  
news editor

About 10 tents lined the outside of the Spectrum as of 5 p.m. Tuesday. The tents housed Aggie fans who camped overnight to get front-row seats for Wednesday night's USU vs. Brigham Young University basketball game.

"I about died when I saw how many tents were up when I got here," said Ry Bay, broadcast journalism sophomore and die-hard Aggie fan.

Bay said he arrived at the Spectrum around 2 p.m. Tuesday in order to snag his seat – front row of Section F. Bay said the earliest fans showed up at noon, and he expects the majority of fans will show up around 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Spectrum's doors will open and students will begin the dash to claim seats at 6 p.m.

"I think people are more excited for this than for Christmas," Bay said.

"I know I am," replied Chris Keller, sophomore in civil engineering who had also waited at the Spectrum since 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Bay said athletics would be bringing space heaters Tuesday night to help warm the frozen fans.

Most campers brought sleeping bags and blankets in order to fight off the December chill, and a few others ran electrical chords out from cracks in the Spectrum's doors to power their personal space heaters.

The group of fans were piled in the vestibules of the Spectrum until night came, when they had to retire to their tents. They brought laptops and movies among other things to keep themselves entertained.

"We plan on playing 'Super Smash Brothers' for hours tonight," Bay said.

Bay, who grew up as a Ute fan, said he became an Aggie fan when he came to a basketball game as a senior in high school. Basketball became the reason he chose to attend USU.

"It changed my life. I canceled my scholarships to other places," said Bay, who wore a shirt that read "In Stew We Trust."

Bay was at the USU vs. BYU game last year, front row. He said he felt the Aggies are better prepared this year than last.

James Putnam, sophomore in mechanical engi-



**AGGIE FANS PLAY VIDEO GAMES**, text message and play games while they wait in between the Spectrum's doors. Students showed up as early as noon Tuesday to save a spot in line for Wednesday's basketball game against Brigham Young University. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

neering, said he thinks the venue will make all the difference in this year's game compared to the last time BYU and USU faced off. Under Stew Morrill's near 12-year reign, Utah State has only seen 12 losses in the Spectrum. The most recent loss was to Fresno State in 2007, and since then the Aggies have accumulated 35 straight home wins.

The Spectrum gives away the most seats to its students, Bay said.

"And we fill them," Keller added.

Bay has theories about what makes the Spectrum such a formidable venue. The shape of the

Spectrum is good for sound, Bay said, which also helps for Spectrum fans to get a reputation of being loud.

To say thanks for their dedication, Associated Students of USU Athletics Vice President Jeremy Winn brought doughnuts and hot chocolate, and Tai Wesley, Tyler Newbold, Matt Formisano and former Aggie basketball player David Pak brought pizza for the camping fans.

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# ASUSU discusses possible student fee increases

By BENJAMIN WOOD  
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The Associated Students of USU (ASUSU) Executive Council pushed final legislation through on the ASUSU Information Desk Tuesday, bringing a months-long discussion to an end.

The information desk bill, sponsored by Executive Vice President Spencer Lee, was passed by the council on Nov. 11, but came back to the legislative body after being amended by the Academic Senate.

Taking effect on Jan. 1, the bill requires members of the Executive Council, Academic Senate and appointed officers to spend one hour weekly at the ASUSU Information Desk, located on the first floor of the Taggart Student Center. Officers who fail to complete this requirement would be penalized on a case-by-case basis by an ad-hoc committee chaired by the ASUSU president. It also restricts non-ASUSU entities from using the space for promotional

activities without the approval of the executive council.

In its final form, the bill specifies that the desk is to be used in conjunction with, as opposed to abolishing, previous legislation and dictates that elected officers have a representative responsibility toward all USU students and not just those that belong to their respective colleges or constituencies.

Public relations Director Allie Anderson initiated a brief discussion about encouraging clarification regarding desk use by members of the Graduate Student Senate – who are not held to the same weekly requirement as other elected officers – but no changes were made.

With Christmas break approaching, Lee urged members of the Executive Council to approve the bill as is. Lee reminded the council that the bulk of the bill's content had been previously passed and barred any objections to the amended material, changes to the bill would have to, again, go before the Academic Senate

to be finalized, effectively forcing the initiative into next semester.

Ultimately, the vote was near-unanimous in favor, with one opposing vote.

"I am thrilled that we have finally passed it through both (legislative) bodies," Lee said. "We come back (next semester) and people will be at the (desk)."

Regarding any possible misconceptions in the text, Lee said while the bill may not be perfect in reading, it captures the goal and offers an enforceable backing that the previous legislation did not have.

During the meeting's council updates, Service Vice President David Knighton reported a significant victory over BYU in the most recent blood battle. USU students donated 433 units of blood, well ahead of BYU's 314.

"We dominated BYU," Knighton said and, with a smile, added, "with class."

In other business, members of the council reported on possible student

fee increases for the next academic year. Many fees were reported as possibly not requiring an increase, and of those fee boards that will request more funds, the range was in the range of \$1 to \$2 per student. Athletics Vice President Jeremy Winn said the recreation fee will likely be a \$1 to \$1.50 increase to cover the rise in minimum wage for employees and keep the Nelson Fieldhouse open over the summer. The Academic Senate president reported a "set in stone" 53-cent increase to the computer fee. Graduate Studies Vice President Rick Kelly reported a roughly \$1.50 increase to the health fee and undetermined increases were reported by council members for the activity and bus fees.

Lee reported on the building fee, which may not increase this year and, if current enrollment trends continue, could possibly be reduced in the future.

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cial in their search for jobs, Hinton said. He also said that with the economic climate as it is and with as many companies that still have to lay off employees, the regional campuses have a chance to help start new careers for these people.

Each regional campus has engineering faculty and a lot of classes for APE to be taught in with a faculty member in a classroom. However, Hinton said they will also use technology to teach the courses.

"Technology allows us to do some wonderful things," he said.

Some APE classes might originate in Logan and be broadcast to other campuses, Hinton said, or they might originate in one of the regional campuses and be broadcast to the others. Administration will decide whether to have faculty-taught classes or online classes depending on factors such as class sizes and the different faculty of the various campuses.

"If we have a small class – one student in Uintah Basin, three in Brigham, etc. – it probably doesn't make sense to teach a course in each area," Hinton said. "With a course online with live video, it becomes viable."

Hinton said the most important aspect of APE is that it allows USU to fulfill its land grant mission "by reaching out to rural areas and giving kids in those areas an opportunity to study engineering."

According to the Board of Trustees document, APE was approved by the dean of the College of Engineering, the Educational Policies Committee and by the Faculty Senate before it was put before the Board of Trustees. The Board of Regents still needs to approve the program.

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## Space: People are interested in the unknown

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so many experiments already, that there was this community wisdom built up that helped a great deal."

People have always been interested in the unknown, Dennison said. Dennison said much of entertainment, such as movies and shows, stems from the fascination with space. He said understanding space and a sense of discovery is just a part of human nature.

"Anytime you're pushing the envelope of technology, it is going to pay off in the long hall," Dennison said. "And to keep going farther, you've got to constantly be looking at things in a new light and finding new ways to go beyond."

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**THE PANEL HOLDING** USU students' projects goes through de-integration at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. USU had a double stack, which is a two-tiered experiment with 168 samples on the panel shown. The panel was returned to Earth by the space shuttle Discovery. *photo courtesy of JOSH HODGES*

# Briefs

*Campus & Community*

## Winter Gift Market open this weekend

The Bullen Center, 43 S. Main, will be hosting the Winter Gift Market Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Local artists will be selling handcrafted gifts. There will also be live music, children's activities, a produce room and more.

This year, the Winter Gift Market will have a produce room where Cache Valley Gardener's Market's produce vendors will sell locally grown items, fresh for holiday meals.

Produce vendors who have edibles left over from the growing season should contact Becky Yeager to reserve a space at the Winter Gift Market. Yeager can be contacted at 757-6283 or [blyea-ger@comcast.net](mailto:blyea-ger@comcast.net).

A neighboring business has about 52 big rolls of wax paper marked to package butter and hundreds of 1 gallon buckets that they are offering for free. These are headed to the landfill or recycling if someone doesn't take them soon. Contact Yeager to make arrangements for pick up.

## USU adds another eco-friendly bus

USU Parking and Transportation will soon take delivery of a new natural gas bus. The bus is one of nine environmentally friendly compressed natural gas (CNG) buses that USU has in its shuttle fleet. The 2010 Thomas Safety Liner bus holds 40 passengers.

"The addition of this bus into its fleet is part of the university's ongoing effort to provide safe, efficient and environmentally friendly alternative methods to access USU's beautiful campus," said Alden Erickson, Aggie Shuttle supervisor.

The university's Aggie Shuttle system operates five routes during the academic year. Each day of operation the system averages approximately 6,700 riders.

"We are pleased to announce this new vehicle to our fleet and look forward to offering the campus community the best service and equipment we can within our means," Erickson said.

## Professor receives award for service

Brian Higginbotham, an assistant professor in Utah State University's Family Consumer and Human Development Department, was recently awarded the 2009 Early Career Achievement Award.

Higginbotham received the prestigious award Nov. 11 at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations held in San Francisco, Calif. The highly competitive national award honors a cooperative extension state specialist in family life and human development who has made a significant impact in the field within the first seven years of their career.

"Higginbotham has used his talents and passion to promote and positively impact the children and families in Utah and around the nation," said Francesca Adler-Baeder, an associate professor and extension specialist for Auburn University. "To be given this award for his initial four years of service is nothing short of extraordinary."

Higginbotham was recognized for his exemplary research and programmatic work in several critical family and human development areas, including adolescent development, marital relations and stepfamily dynamics, particularly among low-resource and ethnically diverse populations. He has secured nearly \$5 million in external funding to support this work in the last four years.

Higginbotham is a nationally recognized scholar and has generated numerous research-based resources focused on healthy relationships, family dynamics and parenting.

■ *Compiled from staff and media reports*



# DOWN

By PETE P SMITHSUTH and DONIELL MOJAZZA  
photo editor, and staff writer

Everyday I sit in class and usually check online blogs and figure out what to eat for dinner. Thursday afternoons are different. This past semester, I've worked alongside USU ROTC cadets and officers as an embedded reporter. Facebook was not on my schedule as I ran alongside cadets as they trained to become United States' line of defense.

ROTC, short for Reserve Officer Training Corps, is a program offered at USU. "The ROTC program is meant to prepare college students for the U.S. armed forces," said Cadet Nick Thomas.

The two- and four-year programs include military history, leadership development and national defense. In addition, tactical training, such as rescue missions, land navigation and survival training, is commonly done in the hot sun or bitter cold of Cache Valley. USU ROTC cadets train locally, ranging from Hyrum Dam, Logan Canyon and the HPER pool.



## My view on the military service

To describe my experience, I have to share that I come from a family where stereotypes about military service was biased. I gave in to the notion that the military is full of men with violent and egoistical means – with rifles no less.

Cadet Corey Holmgren, a cadre helping to coordinate my tag-along, said he thinks the idea of the Army is sometimes misrepresented.

"There is a lot that takes place before it ever escalates into an actual fight. A lot of the projects are building and humanitarian focused," Holmgren said.

## The Jim Bridger Challenge

My involvement with the ROTC began when I followed cadets in the annual Jim Bridger Challenge, which took place during fall semester. The exercises presented physical and mental challenges to cadets, pushing them to their limits.

"The exercises that we run push you to the physical limits, and at the same time require you to be a leader and make decisions," Thomas said.

The challenge included a variety of realistic simulations, such as land navigation, downed pilot rescue and the river crossing. One simulation that showed a lot of the fundamentals of being in the ROTC was the Zodiac.

The Zodiac is an exercise where cadets get into rubber rafts, paddle into the middle of Hyrum Dam, jump in the water, flip the rafts, then flip it back over.

Flipping the raft is, by itself, a challenging endeavor but add freezing water, intensify the timed event and you have one extreme group activity.

"From the outside, it looks absolutely crazy to get into a freezing cold lake, but in retrospect, you realize that the human body can still operate in that extreme condition," Thomas said.

Another simulation, the river crossing, had cadets strap on to wires using carabiners to cross Logan River with their gears.

Most of the cadets crossed just fine, but what impressed me the most is how they overcame adversity. I saw a cadet cross back and forth three times. The cadres ex-



plained to me that he was helping out the other team members and picked up the load.

"You go through the training environment and the camaraderie in the military is exponentially greater than anything I've experience," Thomas said. "All because you have extreme fun together, and also, you have extreme suck together."

## ROTC at Camp Williams

Two weekends ago, the USU's Army ROTC, along with Weber State University's Army ROTC, participated in a field-training exercise (FTX) at Camp Williams in Eagle Mountain. It was mandatory for the ROTC cadets to participate in the event.

Casey Nelson, senior in psychology, is a four-year cadet. Nelson gave a brief rundown of the weekend's event: Thursday night, the cadets had a PCC, or precombat check. Everyone made sure they had the proper gear needed to successfully complete the training. When the gear check was done, there was a deployment briefing to go over the events of the weekend. Shortly after the briefing, the buses were loaded and headed to Camp Williams. Upon arrival, sleeping quarters were

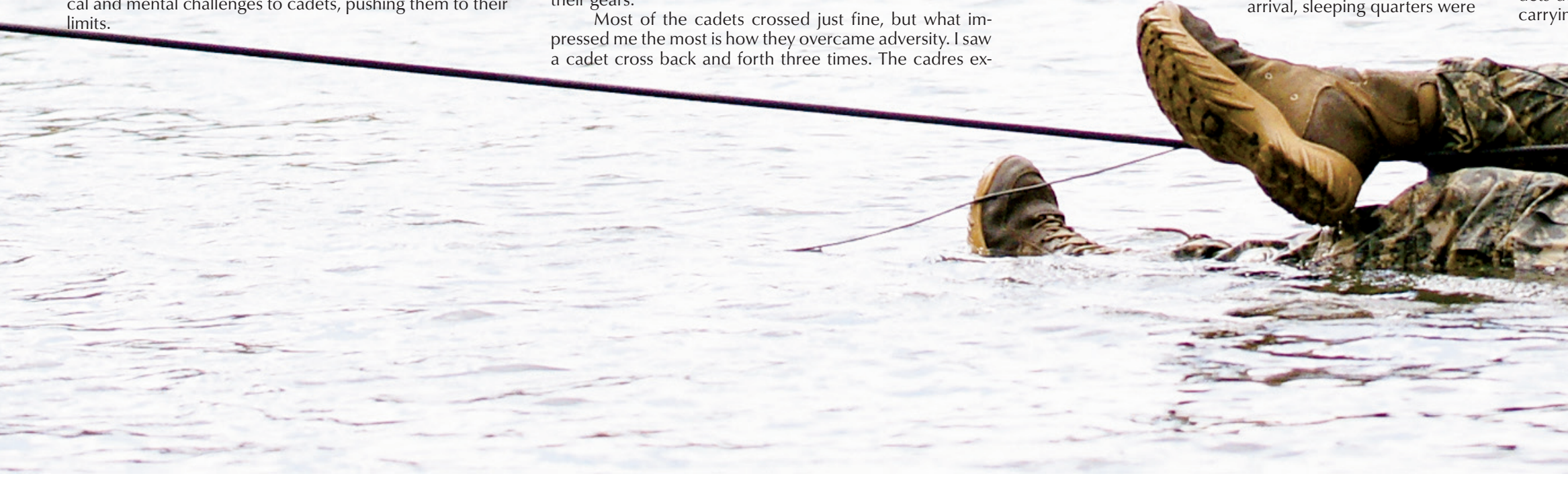
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assigned, as well as M-16 rifles and MREs (meals ready to eat). Then company leadership issued orders about the next day's activities to subordinates.

The land navigation took place on the special force course. There were steep mountains and impassable brush. Cadets were given a map, compass, protractor and coordinates, which they were supposed to find.

"It is critical for us to learn good means of survival and orientation," Nelson said.

While one company was participating in the land-navigation exercise, the other company was participating in a weapons exercise. Here, cadets learned to zero their weapons. They were given 10 rounds of ammunition and a paper target. In order to excel at the exercise, cadets needed to fire six shots; all close together on the target.

On the last day of the training, cadets were sent on a 10k rucksack march. Each cadet was required to carry a 30- to 45-pound sack. The command was given to remove all cold-weather gear, because usually on a rucksack march the body heats up from the movement and does not need the extra clothing. However, the weather took an unexpected turn and began heavily snowing. Cadets in the march described it as "a blizzard." For 6.3 miles, cadets dealt with hilly terrain and cold weather, all the while carrying their sacks.

Mike Goonan, freshman in biology, is a first-year Army ROTC cadet. This was his first time participating in the FTX, and he said that no one gave him any details on what exactly the training was going to be like.

On how he felt about what our deployed men and women go through every day, Goonan said, "I have a (stronger) appreciation for what they do. I just got a taste."

Jamen Woodstock, junior in business administration, said the training was a challenge due to the extreme terrain and distance between the points. The rucksack march was the most memorable part of the training for Woodstock. He said the march was made harder by the weather conditions.

"The snow killed morale, but we sang cadences to keep us moving along," Woodstock said.

USU's Air Force ROTC cadets were invited to join the training. Kirk Smith, senior in Spanish, said the experience was "eye opening." There was a lot of training that Air Force cadets never get to go through. Smith said that in working with the Army, he realized how different of a mind-set it has than the Air Force.

"They are blunter with their training. They are focused on the carrying out the mission, while the Air Force is focused on leading the mission," Smith said.

## My view now

If the ROTC cadets taught me anything, it is respect. Being around these young people working their lungs out, I've learned that what I hear or experience in the past shouldn't determine what I feel about certain subjects. Sure, there is an odd Rambo in the mix somewhere, but most of the people working in the armed forces are individuals with values matching that of the military's seven: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Over and over again, I find myself thinking that you cannot teach this stuff in classrooms. It is in the field that these characters are revealed. I don't mind labeling myself as a wimp. In the end, this physical and mental intensity is not for me, but I acknowledge this type of training and discipline would be priceless in anyone's life.

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## Beware the Tai-phoon

### Former BYU commit has no love for Cougars

By TIM OLSEN  
sports editor

Tai Wesley is one of Utah State's most loved athletes. The athletic junior – who has been in the starting lineup since early in his freshman year – is fiery and always plays to the raucous Spectrum crowd.

His various array of post moves dazzle fans and stymie defenders, while his passion for the game shows through in his style of play. To some, Wesley is the very epitome of Aggie basketball.

However, the 2009-10 preseason All-WAC team nominee was very, very close to being one of USU's greatest nemesis. Wesley was almost a BYU Cougar. "I had plans on going to BYU. I verbally committed at one point to BYU, but things didn't work out which was a blessing in disguise," Wesley said. "I'm an Aggie now, and I love it. It couldn't have worked out better."

Wesley, a native of Orem, grew up a BYU fan. Much of that affection can be traced to his brother, Mekeli, who starred at BYU from 1997-2001. Mekeli was even named the Mountain West Conference's Player of the Year during his senior campaign.

"It hurts me to say this, but yes I did (grow up a Cougar fan). I attended every (men's basketball) home game for four years," Wesley said. "I grew up watching (Mekeli) and loving the Cougars, but I repented and saw the light and now I'm an Aggie."

Named Mr. Basketball for the State of Utah by the *Deseret News* and the 4A Most Valuable Player by *The Salt Lake Tribune* in 2004 when he averaged 16.7 points, eight rebounds and four assists as a senior at Provo High School, most assumed Wesley would follow the steps of his brother and star for the Cougars. For a while it looked like that's exactly what would happen.

"I verbally committed to BYU, and they came to the house and told me that they didn't have a scholarship for me until after my mission, but I wanted a full ride the whole time," Wesley said. "So, I uncommitted and started looking again and Utah State was honest with me from the very start. I really liked their program and I kind of just fell in love with Logan."

After so many years as Cougar fans, the transition to Aggie fans was a quick one for Wesley's parents and family. He said his parents have really been embraced by the people of Logan, and in turn have come to love the area and Utah State University.

"Every time they visit it seems like they make new friends, and people are inviting them to stay at their house and they love it," Wesley said. "They love Logan, and if they could stand the cold, they'd be up here a lot more."

Admittedly, there is one member of Wesley's family that has found cheering for the Aggies a little tougher. After viewing USU as a rival, Mekeli struggles to cheer for the original navy blue and white team in Utah. That struggle is especially manifest when the Aggies tangle with Mekeli's Cougars, as they will Wednesday in the Spectrum.

"He's been asked, 'Who are you going to root



**USU FORWARD TAI WESLEY** once verbally committed to the Cougars. Now in his third year with Utah State, he couldn't be happier with his decision to be an Aggie. *TYLER LARSON photo*

for?' He'll say, 'Well I'm rooting for my brother,' and that's his response to that," Wesley said. "My other family members have no problem rooting against the Cougars right now."

Wesley has been part of in-state rivalry games and big games at the Spectrum – including a tip-in basket with 0.01 seconds remaining to beat Utah in the Spectrum last season – but this one may top them all.

The Aggies and Cougars have mainly battled each other for in-state supremacy during the past decade, with each team winning five games during that span. The Cougars have won two in row in the series, but have not won in Logan since Jan. 8, 2000, and have not played in the Spectrum since

December 2005.

With BYU avoiding a trip to Logan during the past four years, this will be Wesley's first (and only) shot at the Cougars on his home court, and he knows the Spectrum crowd will be one to remember.

"I think it might be the craziest I've ever seen it, and I really believe that," Wesley said. "That's what I'm looking forward to at least."

That is a bold statement considering the Spectrum has become somewhat of legend not only in Utah, but in the entire college basketball ranks for its frenzied crowds. With students seen camp-

■ See **WESLEY**, page 8

## TouchBase

### Turbin earns athlete of the week honors

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State football player Robert Turbin has been named the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week, USU's first Offensive WAC Player of the Week in the Aggies' five seasons in the league. Turbin was also named the America First Credit Union Utah State Student-Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 23-30. It was announced Monday. The award is voted on by a state media panel.

Turbin also earned national recognition with a helmet sticker from ESPN.com, his second this season. He is the lone WAC player to earn a helmet sticker among the non-BCS conferences list.

Turbin, a sophomore running back from Fremont, Calif. (Irvington HS) scored five TD's in USU's 52-49 shootout win over bowl-eligible Idaho, snapping the Aggies' 12-game road losing streak. Turbin accounted for 183 yards of total offense with 113 yards rushing and 70 yards receiving for three rushing and two receiving TD's. The five TD's ties a USU record, last done by Jack Hill with five rushing TD's vs. Drake in 1956.

Turbin's five TD's and 30 points scored in a game ties the most scored by an individual in the WAC this season, but is the most scored in a WAC vs. WAC game as Turbin ties Nevada's Mike Bell, who had five TD's vs. UNLV. It is the most scored in a WAC vs. WAC game since 2007.

Turbin scored USU's opening TD and the Aggies' final TD, which proved to be the game-winner. Turbin had three TD's in the first half, after his 3-yard rushing TD on USU's first possession, then later scored on a 48-yard TD pass and a 22-yard pass from junior QB Diondre Borel. Turbin tacked on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter and capped the scoring with another 1-yard run.

Turbin's WAC Offensive Player of the Week award is the first offensive conference weekly honor since QB Travis Cox earned the Big West Offensive Player of the Week accolade on Nov. 22, 2004.

It is the first WAC Player of the Week for a Utah State player this season and is the first since this same week of the season last year when defensive end Ben Calderwood earned the Defensive Player of the Week honor on Dec. 1.

This is Turbin's second America First Credit Union Utah State Student-Athlete of the Week award this season, after earning the honor on Sept. 28.

Additionally, Turbin and Borel both collected honorable mention running back and quarterback of the week accolades from [collegefootballperformance.com](http://collegefootballperformance.com), respectively. Borel threw for 369 passing yards and four TD's, both career highs. Borel was also on ESPN.com's honorable mention list for a helmet sticker.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Rival BYU visits the Spectrum for first time since '05

By TYLER HUSKINSON  
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The Utah State Aggies (3-2) host in-state rival BYU (5-0), the Aggies' oldest rival, Wednesday in the Spectrum. This is game three of USU's five-game home stand, and the Aggies are looking for redemption after a tough loss to the Cougars last year at the EnergySolutions Arena, 68-63.

The Aggies routed Southern Utah University Saturday night, 89-49. Freshman guard Preston Medlin had a breakout performance, scoring 17 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the field, with all five shots coming from behind the 3-point line. Aggie junior forward Pooh Williams had a good performance as well and scored 17 points of his own, hitting 6-of-7 from the field and 4-of-5 from beyond the arc.

"We wanted to use this game to get us ready," Williams said.

The Aggie defense held the T-Birds to a 26.4 percent shooting performance from the field and 27.8 percent from the 3-point line on the night. Thunderbird senior guard Davis Baker only managed 10 points against the Aggies and was the lone T-Bird to score in double digits.

After a series of events, and BYU head coach Dave Rose refusing to play at the Spectrum, last year's matchup was held in Salt Lake City to provide a neutral court for both teams. The Aggies kept things close in the first few minutes of the first half, but the Cougars used 7-of-15 3-point shooting to push their lead to 10 with 3:46 remaining in the opening period.

BYU shot 50 percent from the field and 46.7 percent from beyond the arc in the first half. The Ags shot 44 percent from the field and only managed 28.6 percent from the 3-point line, but used a 9-2 run to cut the deficit to three and found themselves down 38-

35 at half.

The two team traded baskets to begin the second half, but Cougar junior forward Jonthan Tavernari hit a 3-point shot to put BYU up for good. Tavernari finished the night with 24 points and four steals.

An in-state rivalry game always brings a great deal of hype, but most of the Aggie team – especially players from Utah – have been looking forward to this game for a long time.

"I'm sure everyone will be ready for the BYU game, especially our Utah guys that really know what the rivalry means," Williams said. "They've been telling me about it ever since I've been here, so I don't like BYU at all either."

Even though there is a great deal of hype surrounding this game, Aggie head coach Stew Morrill is trying to not let his team get over-hyped for this matchup.

"We're are trying to protect home court and trying to win a game. We're

not looking down the road at this point," Morrill said.

Senior guard Jared Quayle will have his hands full with BYU's Mountain West Conference preseason Player of the Year, senior guard Jimmer Fredette. Fredette is averaging more than 20 points and six assists through five games.

"Fredette is a confident player that has the skills to back up his confidence," Morrill said. "Every year he gets better. He's a really good player."

The Cougars are a very deep team this season. They have two freshmen in guard Tyler Haws and forward Brandon Davies who have provided instant offense off the bench.

"BYU is as deep as I've ever seen them," Morrill said. "Both of their freshmen Tyler Haws and Brandon Davies are premier players in Utah."

Tip off is set for tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the Spectrum.

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FOOTBALL



**JUNIOR QUARTERBACK DIONDRE BOREL** drops back for a pass during a home game against San Jose State. The Aggies battled the conditions en route to a 24-9 victory over the Spartans. *PATRICK ODEN photo*

# Ags headed in right direction

By ADAM NETTINA  
staff writer

There was good, there was bad and there was even some ugly. But after defeating Idaho (7-5) by a score of 52-49 Saturday, Utah State (4-8) finished its season on a high note, in the process giving new meaning to the once worn-out mantra “just wait until next season.”

USU head coach Gary Andersen may not have qualified as a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award with his inaugural 4-8 campaign in Logan, but the former Utah defensive coordinator proved that positive change is on its way and it will be here sooner rather than later.

Just consider that USU’s four wins this year were the most by any Aggie football team since 2002, with the team’s three conference wins matching the previous best mark during the Aggies’ five-year run in the WAC. All this coming with a total overhaul in offensive and defensive schemes, within arguably the most competitive WAC environment of the decade – two factors not usually conducive to success for a program looking to reverse a decade of losing frustration.

Yet, Andersen somehow found a way to not only make the Aggies one of the WAC’s most exciting teams to watch, but he found a way to make them one of the most competitive. Case in point, USU’s eight losses doesn’t tell the complete story of the sea-

son, a season that could have easily seen the Aggies achieve bowl eligibility had a few plays gone their way.

It was a sometimes frustrating road, but one still full of promise. In a season in which “See it. Hear It. Feel It. Believe It.” was to become the rallying cry for the perennial conference bottom feeders, the Aggie offense reached new heights, while the defense showed flashes of brilliance. Guided by the innovative genius of former New Mexico and Michigan State offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin, the Aggie offense averaged 439.33 yards per game on the year, good for 16th best in the nation. That’s an increase of more than 100 yards per game when compared to last year’s offense, which finished 87th in the country. And while the USU’s defense didn’t post any major statistical turnaround, it came up big when it had to – an impressive feat given the numerous injuries to key play-makers.

While the 2009 season was filled with more than its fair share of excitement and positives, the best part about it for Aggie fans is that it should provide a preview of even better things to come. Yes, USU will lose some fantastic players to graduation on defense – including a potential NFL-bound safety in James Brindley – but the team will also bring back a plethora of talented, and now veteran, playmakers. Diondre Borel, who threw for 369 yards and four touchdowns against Idaho, figures to be

one of the best dual-threat quarterbacks in the WAC, while running back Robert Turbin (1,296 yards rushing, 17 total TDs this season) is well on his way in cementing himself as perhaps the best all-purpose playmaker in Aggie history. On defense, the Aggies bring back one of the rising stars in the WAC in linebacker Bobby Wagner, who concluded the year with a team-high 114 total tackles.

Skeptics may say that the 2008 Aggie team finished the season in much the same way as this year’s team did, and, for that, they do have a point. But in their win over Idaho Saturday, the Aggies proved one thing the 2008 team didn’t: the ability to learn lessons from past losses. Jumping out to a 31-7 lead on the Vandals midway through the second quarter, the Aggies almost allowed Idaho to come back and win. But unlike past games against Nevada and Fresno State, Andersen’s team held strong through the fourth quarter and sealed the game with a Bobby Wagner interception. The win was all the more impressive considering Utah State managed to beat a bowl-eligible team on the road – a feat that former coach Brent Guy’s 2008 team couldn’t claim.

Are the Aggies the next sleeping giant in the WAC? It may be too early to tell, but after a strong finish to end 2009, “wait until next year” doesn’t seem as hollow as it used to.

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# Bowden out as FSU coach

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) – Bobby Bowden orchestrated one of the great runs in college football, building Florida State into a powerhouse that produced two national titles, dozens of All-Americans and some of the most memorable missed field goals ever.

Bowden said Tuesday he will end his 44-year coaching career after the Seminoles play in a bowl game. Bowden was done in by a combination of off-field woes, too many defeats and coach-in-waiting Jimbo Fisher ready to take over.

“Nothing lasts forever, does it?” a relaxed-looking Bowden asked during video interview conducted by school officials. “But I’ve had some wonderful years here at Florida State, you know it. Hadn’t done as good lately as I wish I could have, but I’ve had wonderful years, no regrets.”

The 80-year-old Bowden will retire as the second winningest coach in major-college football behind Penn State’s Joe Paterno. The folksy coach has won 388 games at Samford, West Virginia and Florida State, where he spent the last 34 seasons.

Bowden was faced with the option of coming back next season with diminished control over the program, giving Fisher more power.

“We’ve got one more game

and I look forward to enjoying these next few weeks as the head football coach,” Bowden said earlier Tuesday in a statement released by the school.

The Seminoles are bowl eligible at 6-6, and were awaiting word on where they will play. They’re also awaiting word from the NCAA on whether 14 victories in recent seasons will be vacated because of an academic cheating scandal.

Bowden won two national titles at Florida State, in 1993 and 1999. Among his top achievements is a string of 14 straight seasons ending in 2000 when the Seminoles won at least 10 games and finished ranked in the top five of the AP poll. Florida State was 152-19-1, an .864 winning percentage, during that span. He has a 315-97-4 record with the Seminoles, but his teams were 73-42 the past nine seasons.

“He set records of achievement on the field that will probably never be equaled,” Florida State president T.K. Wetherell said. “Bobby Bowden in many ways became the face of Florida State. It was his sterling personality and character that personified this university.”

FSU officials announced after the 2007 season that Fisher, the offensive coordinator, would succeed Bowden.

The end of the Bowden era has been brewing for years, and

the call for change only grew louder this year, when loss after loss, many coming in the final minutes, began piling up. The regular season ended with a sixth straight loss to bitter rival Florida, a 37-10 blowout.

A football lifer, Bowden modeled his career after his idol Paul “Bear” Bryant, the legendary Alabama coach who died shortly after he retired in 1982. “After you retire, there’s only one big event left,” Bowden has said over the years. “And I ain’t ready for that.”

Bowden seemed to be in good humor during the video interview, saying his family doesn’t have to worry about his well being.

“Now, you know I have to go out and get a job. Can you believe that?” he said. “I’ve got to go get a job. I ain’t had a job in 55 years.”

Paterno called Bowden a tough competitor who “has meant an awful lot to the universities he coached and to the game of football overall.”

“He and his wife, Ann, have dedicated their lives with untold hours to better the teams and universities they cared so much about,” Paterno said. “They will be missed by the coaching profession and college football.”

Bowden relished the spotlight and his “aw shucks” approach was well received everywhere he went. It was dur-

ing the rare losses when Bowden was at his best, relying on his favorite phrase “Dadgumit” when discussing all those wide-right and wide-left field goals against Miami in the late 1980s and early 1990s that knocked so many of his teams out of national title contention.

Bowden also got caught up in NCAA investigations. The cheating scandal is the just the latest. The school was hit with five years’ probation for a 1993 incident when several of his players were given free shoes and sporting goods from a local store. That led to former Florida coach Steve Spurrier calling Florida State “Free Shoes University.”

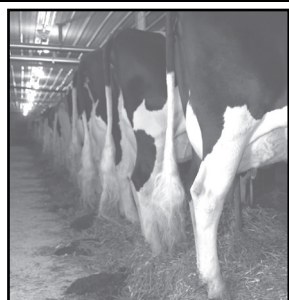
Bowden and winning, though, go hand in hand. He goes into a final bowl game with an overall 388-129-4 record. After his first Florida State team went 5-6 in 1976, the Seminoles never had a losing season.

Among the stars who played for Bowden were Heisman Trophy winning quarterbacks Charlie Ward and Chris Weinke, defensive backs Deion Sanders and LeRoy Butler, running back Warrick Dunn, receiver Peter Warrick and nose guard Ron Simmons.

“There’s been so many great players through our program,” Bowden said. “I’ve had quite a few calls today from them. And

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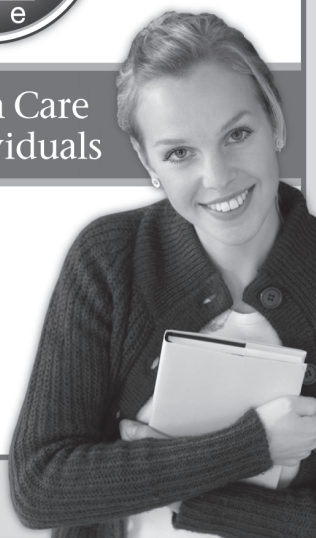
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A different point of view

Revenge might never feel more fun than this week in Aggie basketball. Last season there were five teams that managed victories against Utah State, and this week the Aggies get a shot at revenge against two of those teams in the Spectrum. BYU squeaked out a win against USU last year in the EnergySolutions Arena following the Cougars refusal to play in Logan during the 2007-2008 season, and Saint Mary's outplayed the Aggies to a final of 75-64 in their building during last year's ESPN Bracketbuster weekend.

This year everything is different. This year's games are in the Spectrum. The same Spectrum that has seen too many epic games to count, including a near upset of arguably the most talented college basketball team to ever play nearly two decades ago, to the more recent upset of a No. 9 ranked Nevada Wolfpack team. Currently, the Aggies possess the second-longest home winning streak in the nation behind Kansas with 36 games and at no point during that streak will it be tested like it will be this week.

The most important thing here, though, is that BYU, for the first time since Dec. 22, 2005, will be playing a game in the Spectrum. Its school, its coach and its fans will argue it forever, but it is solid fact that BYU refused to play in Logan because it cannot handle the idea of constantly losing to a team who they view themselves as superior to. BYU's head coach Dave Rose tried to sugar-coat his master plan of avoiding Logan with the neutral-court game in Salt Lake City, but his real intentions were obvious. The worst part is that thus far, his plan has essentially worked.

Tonight should be the night everything changes though. I could rehash the story about how the entire refusal went down, but the details are mostly irrelevant by now. What really matters is that Dave Rose and his BYU team essentially proclaimed them-

selves, their win-loss record, their team and their university as one far too superior to USU to need to come to play in the Spectrum every other year.

If you're reading this article anywhere but at the Spectrum waiting in line already, chances are you're not as bothered by Dave Rose disrespecting the very school you attend. The same school that still holds a 4-2 record in the last six games against BYU, despite dropping the last two played in Provo and Salt Lake City. You'd do well to just continue reading on your way to the stadium. Throw on some blue too.

There's a reason this was written from a laptop computer outside the Spectrum on the night before the game. That's how big of a deal this is, and that's the price to pay for my front row seat this game. Savor it too, because there might never be another game that will carry this hype in your college years than this one. Bring the pain Utah State student body. Bring it harder and stronger than it has ever been brought before.

As soon as we're finished doing what we do to scare BYU away all over again, rest up and get ready to be back at the Spectrum Saturday night for another one of the biggest home games we've had in years. Saint Mary's will be in the Spectrum, you should too.



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AFTER NEARLY FOLLOWING HIS BROTHER, Mekeli, to BYU, junior Tai Wesley has made a name for himself at USU as a three-year starter. TYLER LARSON photo

Wesley: Junior ready for Cougars

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out in front of the Spectrum doors more than 30 hours before Wednesday night's game, though, it is a claim that could very well be accurate.

The Aggies hold a 93 percent winning percentage in the Spectrum during the past decade and currently hold the nation's second longest home winning streak at 36 games. USU has won 49 of its last 50 home games overall, and has not lost at home since the final game of the 2006-07 season.

With so much on the line, Wesley's excited to show the Cougars exactly what they missed out on.

"This game is definitely a little personal for me in those respects – that they passed up on

me," he said. "I'd be lying if I said nothing was there, because I do feel some bitterness toward them. But then I look at it and I realize that because of them I'm here, and it's perfect."

Perfect is exactly what Wesley has been at the Spectrum, as the junior has never lost a game on his home court. It's a trend he's planning on continuing this week.

"I get goosebumps. It's exciting. It's a dream," Wesley said. "We want to just jump on them and win. We want to win, and that's what we're going to do. I've been looking forward to this game for a long time, to have them up here in the Spectrum. That's what college basketball in-state rivalry's are all about."

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Bowden: Calling it quits after 44 years

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then somebody says, any great game? Well, they're all great. Well there were some pretty dadgum big ones. We won our share, we didn't win them all, but we did win our share."

Bowden's national titles came in '93 with Ward guiding the Seminoles to a 12-1 record and a title-

clinching win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. The next national crown came six years later, with Weinke and All-American Warrick leading the 'Noles to a perfect 12-0 record capped by a win over Michael Vick and Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

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## Huntsman Scholars broaden horizons

By KARLIE BRAND  
web editor

Each fall, a diverse group of USU business students have the opportunity to take a break from traditional undergraduate education and delve into a semester-long analytical study of international business as they participate in the Huntsman Scholars program. This unique and intense Scholar Semester of the Huntsman Scholars program allows about 30 students to broaden their understanding of global business practices and experience growth as individuals as they study in the classroom at USU and visit businesses and organizations in Europe.

Huntsman Scholar Darcy Stewart, senior in business entrepreneurship, said the difficult, but rewarding program, has allowed her to broaden her perspectives of business and the world.

“The program teaches you how to look at different arguments, different points of view, understand them, critically analyze them and come up with your own. It’s a program that helps you develop your own self,” she said.

Shannon Peterson, economics professor and Huntsman Scholars co-adviser, said students can apply for the Huntsman Scholars program anytime during their undergraduate experience and then participate in the intensive Scholar Semester during fall semester of either their junior or senior year.

Peterson said the rigorous 15-credit Scholar Semester is comprised of six weeks of classroom study and then three weeks in Europe visiting businesses and experiencing international business firsthand. Peterson said that in the trip this fall, students visited and met professionals at the European Union, the International Red Cross, NATO, the Huntsman Chemical Corporation, Disneyland Paris, the World Trade Organization and others. Following the trip, students returned for three weeks to complete five group projects and presentations.

Huntsman Scholar Erin Buttars, junior in management and human resources, said the assignments and projects within the program allows students to incorporate different business disciplines and experience what it will be like working in the real world.

“There’s a lot of real-world experience,” she said. “A lot of projects we do are things we would do in a company.”

Stacy Hills, marketing professor and Huntsman Scholars co-adviser, said Scholar Semester integrates five international business classes: International Management, Global Marketing Strategy, Globalization and the Ethics of Trade, European Union Politics and Comparative Economics. The result is a comprehensive but difficult program.

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**USU BUSINESS STUDENTS STAND** at the airport as they participate in the Huntsman Scholar program. The program allows about 30 students to broaden their understanding of global business practices as they study in the classroom at USU and visit businesses and organizations in Europe. *photo courtesy TROY OLDHAM*



**A VACANT BATHROOM STALL** is one location where students can study on campus. JASON VONGERMETEN *photo*

## Alternative locations for studying on campus

“Study” is probably one of the most used words among college students – especially during the time immediately preceding Finals Week. It’s quite possibly one of the most put-off things students do, as well.

But when it comes down to it, we all end up needing somewhere to spend time to ourselves: to study, to get homework out of the way or take a nap without the trouble of leaving campus only to return a half hour later.

Aside from the weekly meetings of the recently organized Nap Club, it’s nice to have a place to go to gather yourself before the next class or exam.

Here are just a few suggestions for some quiet study time on campus.

- Native American Student Council Lounge
- LDS Institute Building
- Fine Arts Building

- Any Empty Classroom
- Taggart Student Center
- Eccles Science Building
- A vacant bathroom stall
- Junction
- Old Main Basement
- Random, Scattered Areas

And, of course, if you want to guarantee that nobody will ever bother you, the Engineering Building has a nice one-person bathroom you can lock yourself in for as long as you please.

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# The secret dangers of the Internet

Let me preface this lil' article by saying that I'm pretty much a fan of the World Wide Web. It's been good to me. And one of my favorite slices of the "coconut cream pie" on the Internet is Wikipedia. I love it like I love my unborn children: a very distant, ethereal, yet satisfied love. How existential.

Anyway, Wikipedia, in my case, is a double-edged sword. And if a sword could have more edges than two, Wikipedia would have them. However, it is virtually impossible to have a more than a two-edged sword. It'd end up being some sort of fantastic cudgel-stick thing that would defy space and Euclidian geometry. And you could probably only get it when you reached level 37, and had the gloves of virtue or something of the sort equipped. Attack +10.

But that's neither here nor there. I digress, I digress. Anyway, the reason Wikipedia is so dangerous for me and others like me is its ability to send you on these intrepid journeys of 300,000 or more mouse clicks where you click on hyperlink after hyperlink, and you finally end the knowledge spree exhausted, in a cold sweat, lying on the ground, hallucinating. And it all starts with a simple question. You know, where you Wikipedia something you don't know too much about, and then as you're reading the article, another interesting tidbit jumps out at you, and you click on the link to it.

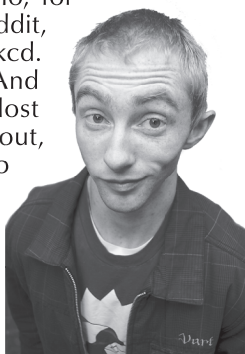
Well several days ago that happened to me. It hadn't been the first time, and it won't be the last, but this one was quite the trip. That evening's journey through the annals of Wikipedia went like this: I clicked on the "Random Article" link it has, which shovels you some random page about anything it decides, and there it started. Godwin's Law - Usenet - Portmaneau - Tanganyik - Maji Maji Rebellion - Cap gun - Airsoft, and the list goes on. Dozens of fascinated mouse clicks later, I arrived at 12:36 a.m., Nov. 28 on a page about the Nash Equilibrium, which is a solution concept of Game Theory where if each player has chosen a strategy and no player can benefit by changing his or her strategy while other players keep theirs unchanged, then the current set of strategy choices and the corresponding payoffs constitute a "Nash Equilibrium." Great, huh? Yeah, wonderful.

That brings me to my point: Wikipedia would do well to have a rating system, for warning's sake. It would first find out how big of a geek you are using a simple questionnaire, "Do you know what pwn means? Do you know what this does: iptables -nL | grep 182.56.7.83" Then, it would use your predetermined rating in a simple algorithm to decide the likelihood of a certain link within a Wikipedia article to send you careening off for hours on a search for trivial knowledge.

For example, it could say, "Warning. You have a geek rating of 5.6. This link has a 68 percent chance of sending you on a several hour journey gathering useless knowledge. We would advise that you do not click this link." If the Web site did that, then you'd at least know that it was your fault. Wikipedia tried to warn you. It tried. But you were too stubborn. It would also be a battle of the human soul and the will to succeed. "What? 93 percent chance I won't make it out of Wikipedia for the next three hours? You're on."

So at least for people like me who, for whatever reason, love Wikipedia, Reddit, Slashdot, myriads of RSS feeds, xkcd.com, etc. this would be a great idea. And for those of you who are completely lost and have no idea what I'm talking about, or who would even act like this, go here: <http://tinyurl.com/yfqkqhj>.

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# EatThat

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## Appetize yourself: Snacks for the holiday season

One of my favorite things about the holiday season is the food. There is so much that we get ready to eat food by eating food, and we call it an appetizer.

Appetizers range anywhere from a bag of chips and some dill dip to amazing creations made from unlikely combinations of foods and flavors.

Recently, my husband and I went to a food tasting event where we tried more than 30 kinds of holiday snacks. To name a few, there were apple butter, peppermint ice cream, artichoke dip and chocolate drizzled caramel corn. Ever since then I have been on a quest to find some recipes that are simple, unique and delicious for serving up at holiday gatherings, and here's what I came up with. I hope you enjoy.

### Gingersnap Dip:

1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese, softened

1 cup powdered sugar

1 (8 ounce) carton Cool Whip (French vanilla is a good choice)

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 teaspoon ginger

1/2 teaspoon cloves

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

- In a small bowl, combine the cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg.

- In a medium bowl, combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar and two teaspoons of the spice mix.

- Use an electric mixer and beat until the cream cheese is fluffy. Fold in the Cool Whip and stir until combined.

- Sprinkle remaining spice mixture over the top to garnish.

- Serve with sugar cookies, gingersnaps, fruit, graham crackers and anything else you can think of.

### Cranberry Salsa:

1 (12 ounce) package of fresh or frozen cranberries (about 3 cups)

1-2 jalapenos, seeded

3 green onions

2 tablespoons cilantro

1/4 teaspoon cumin

Squeeze of lime juice

Dash of salt

1/2 - 3/4 cup sugar, to taste

- Combine cranberries, jalapenos, onions and cilantro in a food processor and pulse until chopped to desired consistency. Stir in cumin, lime juice, salt and sugar. Taste and adjust for spiciness and sweetness.

- Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes to allow the flavors to soak in and blend.

- Serve on crackers or toasted French bread with a dollop of whipped cream cheese.

### Sweet Potato Fries:

2 medium sweet potatoes

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 small clove garlic, peeled

1 teaspoon rosemary

- Combine the salt, garlic and rosemary in a medium bowl and mash with a fork until a paste forms.

- Add the olive oil.

- Wash and peel the sweet potatoes, and be sure to cut off any bad spots.

- Cut them into strips about one-quarter-inch thick (french-fry shaped), and toss them in the garlic mixture until they're evenly coated.

- Lay them in a single layer on a greased baking sheet (you can use tin foil for easier clean up but be sure to grease it), and bake at 425 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

- Every 10 minutes or so, take them out of the oven and flip them to make sure they don't burn on the bottoms. You'll know they're done when they're soft all the way through and starting to brown and get crispy on the edges.

### Spinach Parmesan Dip:

8 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed, rinsed and squeezed dry

3 ounces sour cream

3 ounces cream cheese

2 tablespoons butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

- Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Add the garlic and sauté until lightly browned and fragrant, about two minutes. Add spinach and cook, stirring frequently, until soft and wilted, five to 10 minutes.

- Stir in sour cream and cream cheese until well blended and smooth.

- Add cheese, stirring constantly until melted.

- Serve with tortilla chips, toasted sourdough bread, crackers and anything else you can think of.

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# All I want for Christmas is a vacation

On a traditional college student's budget that provides for gourmet banquets of frozen burritos and grilled cheese sandwiches, extravagant, and therefore expensive, vacations tend to be excluded. Unless grandma and grandpa have chosen to generously fund an enticingly exotic holiday getaway this year, monthly planners remain barren and monotonous until after degrees and careers have been obtained. But with some crafty and careful vacation planning, expense can be circumvented without sacrificing enjoyment.

Careful surveillance of the vacation market and the competition within can provide helpful savings, especially when the majority of one's money is dedicated to necessary books and tuition. From oversea voyages to weekends ski trips, student-friendly deals lurk everywhere promising post-Finals Week stress relief.

A key tip in planning an affordable trip is to avoid the high vacation season between Memorial Day and Labor Day, according to Morris Murdock Travel Agency. Instead of hitting Cancun for Spring Break and being victimized by high airfare and hotel costs, take a New Year's cruise when the market is mild. Cruise and airlines compete directly with each other, so one of the only reliable times to catch a money-cinching break is when less people are traveling and company purse strings are loosened.

Aside from the busy days surrounding Thanksgiving and

Christmas, traveling charges tend to be lower due to the dependable economics of supply and demand.

Despite a general upward trend, several airlines, including Southwest Airlines and JetBlue, offer cheap promotional prices throughout off-season travel months. Sales vary, often without notice, and are best taken advantage of when monitored frequently. Sales rely on booking times and destinations and can dip into prices as low as \$30 one-way flights. To save even more cash, take advantage of airlines that fly bags for free.

Booking flights, hotels, rental cars, among other things in one solid bundle cuts prices over planning each facet of a vacation individually. Some hotels offer deals with particular airlines, and through online trip planners such as Expedia or Orbits, travel fees are discounted or omitted. Many travel agencies and airlines also offer vacation packages of sorts.

Though winter strikes severely in Logan, it can be escaped via cruises to sunny equatorial locations. During low tides and hurricane seasons, cruise lines offer week-long trips for under \$500. Combined with low airfare or a cheap train ride, one can thriftily experience exotic flavors.

When a real vacation simply cannot be afforded, there

**When a real vacation simply cannot be afforded, there are still options. Take advantage and visit friends that live in distant cities or tag along to secluded mountain cabins.**



# Scholars: Studying from abroad

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“The program is more work than you have ever done in your entire life,” said Matt Kennedy, Huntsman scholar and senior in international business and economics.

However, Kennedy and the other scholars all agreed the program was rewarding and worthwhile.

“I have never been in such a rewarding program in my entire life,” Kennedy said. “You are pushed farther than you think you can go. You are crazy busy all the time but when it’s done and you look back, wow. I’ve never had such a rewarding experience.

And I think it’s rewarding because it’s difficult.”

Chance Murray, Huntsman Scholar and senior in accounting, said during the six weeks prior to the trip, the 30 scholars are put in a unique classroom environment that encourages discussion and analysis of ideas but requires rigorous preparation beforehand.

“The classroom is a very unique experience in the Huntsman Scholar program,” he said. “You have such challenging homework outside of class, because when you come to class you’re not coming to be taught the material, you’re coming to discuss the material. It’s a very dynamic atmosphere, very creative.”

Because the program is so discussion based, Peterson said the goal is to try and create a diverse program by including a wide variety of students from diverse backgrounds with different interests and beliefs.

“The students learn as much from one another as from the academic part of their education,” she said. “In the selection process, we have no particular candidate – basically have to be well rounded and have goals of giving back, international interest, basically being a good student. Beyond that we have no one single major or personality type.”

Murray agreed that the diversity encourages discussion and allows students to learn about and understand different perspectives.

“You come to class and everyone has a different perspective. It creates that diverse atmosphere in which you can learn a lot,” Murray said.

Hills said one thing all the scholars have in common is their desire to be engaged in the university and the world. She said the Huntsman Scholars are heavily involved in the community and in student clubs, service and leadership positions.

“I think Huntsman Scholars all want to be here on campus. They are all die-hard Aggies,” Hills said.

Peterson said the students aren’t necessarily cookie-cutter, 4.0 students and are less concerned about receiving a certain grade and more interested in learning.

“Huntsman Scholars are generally curious people. They want to learn about the world, to learn about things,” Peterson said.

Beyond a better understanding of international business, Peterson said because of the rigors of the program, the scholars learn valuable skills to prepare them for future educational and career experiences.

“The goal is to put them in an intensive environment and get a feel for what it might be like when they are in a competitive environment, whether that’s grad school or in the corporate field or government,” she said.

Hills said the program helps improve students’ writing, communication, analytical and teamwork skills and also makes students more confident in their abilities as they apply for graduate school, internships and jobs.

“They’re not intimidated by competition that comes from Harvard or Wharton. They know they can really do this. They go out and compete really well,” Hills said.

Students are given valuable networking opportunities not only with businesses and organizations, but with each other and professors. Huntsman Scholar Jami Dixon, junior in human resource management, said she has enjoyed developing close relationships with the other scholars.

“A neat opportunity is having 30 students you’re with all the time,” she said. “You really get to know everyone, and you’re around really bright and intelligent individuals, and in the future it will open opportunities.”

Murray said the program also allows students to gain a firm grasp on international business, something that’s crucial in the world of business today.

“In society today you can’t escape (international business),” he said. “Everything is so integrated right now; the world market is so big.”

A unique aspect of the program is that it is accessible to all qualifying students, regardless of their financial situations. The entire program, including the trip, is paid for and students each receive an additional \$1,000 stipend to cover miscellaneous costs while traveling.

Alan Christensen, Huntsman Scholar and junior in accounting, said the program has helped broaden his perspectives.

“It’s a break from traditional education,” he said. “It takes your nose out of textbooks and your mind into open thinking.”

The application for Huntsman Scholars is open until Jan. 15. For students that are interested visit [www.huntsman.usu.edu/scholars](http://www.huntsman.usu.edu/scholars) for the application. An information meeting about the program is being held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. in Room 218 of the George S. Eccles Business Building.

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– Matt Kennedy, Huntsman scholar and senior in international business and economics

# Street Speak

**Which class next semester do you dread the most?**



*“Biology 1010. Just because everyone says stuff like they are trying to weed out the people who aren’t serious.”*

– Nicole Burnard, freshman, art history

*“Molecular genetics because it sounds tough, but it sounds interesting.”*

– Damien Burnard, senior, cellular and molecular biology



*“Math. It’s just getting way over my head. Calculus kills.”*

– Stefanie Monreal, sophomore, civil engineering



*“I don’t want to take physics. Applied math is worse than straight up math.”*

– Todd Netto, sophomore, civil engineering

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# Money: Vacationing on a budget

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are still options. Take advantage and visit friends that live in distant cities or tag along to secluded mountain cabins.

Make it a weekend of snowmobiling or venture to the famed Utah slopes for boarding or skiing. Utah resorts, such as Alta, offer discounted season passes for college students, while other deals come from purchasing passes early in or previous to the season.

There is always the possibility of sacrificing one’s social life to vacation with the family. Such is a guilt-free way to freeload an entire vacation when severely strapped for funds. Make use of neglected frequent flier miles or fly standby if a relative works for an airline. Family has the unwilling and charitable duty to give such things as an award for shared blood alone.

A traditional road trip in a gas efficient vehicle is a diversion that’s easy on college students’ already-thin wallets. Include money for the necessary Mike and Ikes and Dr. Pepper for the meandering ride, ignore five-star standards and stay in sleazy cheap motels. Itchy sheets and waking up to cock-

roaches is not for the faint of heart but it builds character and will provide priceless bonding moments.

If all else fails, pining for warmer weather and waiting for the spring to take a camping trip is an affordable alternative. Most supplies are already in some parents’ basement, and a free woodpile is never far from reach.

Before snow completely coats the ground, a day trip 15 minutes into the canyon is an easy and cheap option.

An empty wallet is a feeling all too familiar to college students. While clipping coupons and rationing Ramen, a dream vacation seems far from reality.

However, being consumer savvy and finding loopholes in the expensive regime of vacationing can save money without scrimping on fun and excitement.

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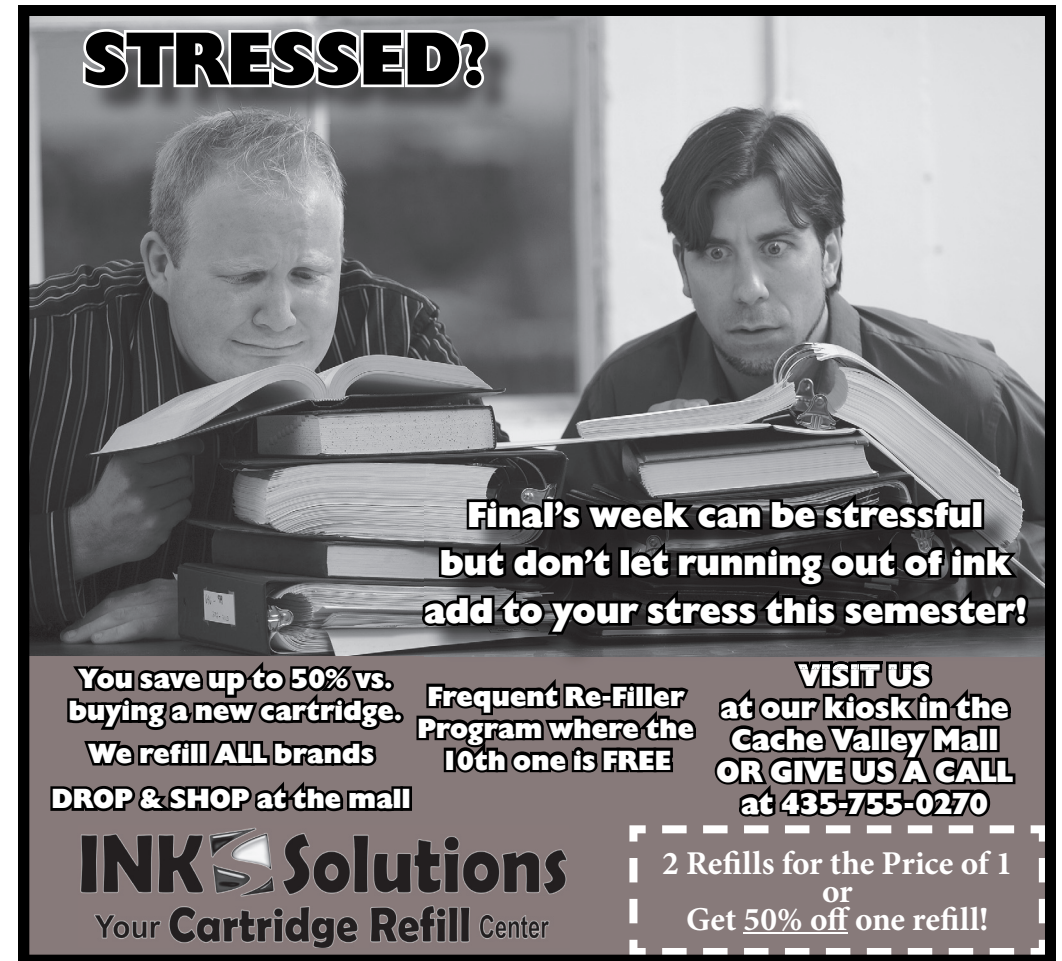


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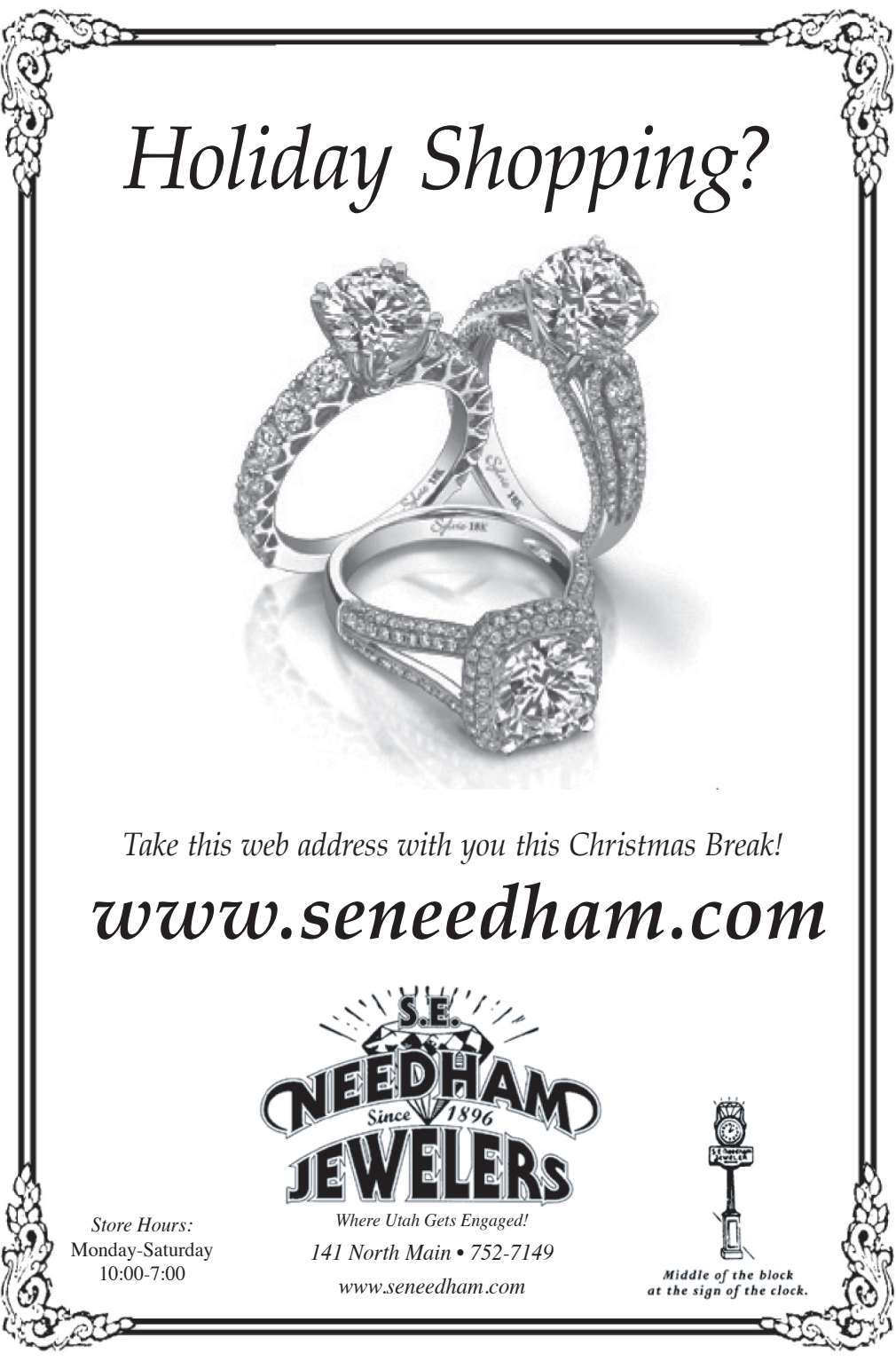
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## Our View

### Holiday spirit of giving

As USU students, it's impossible to meander from class to class without spotting a handful of cardboard boxes generously spread throughout campus, urging holiday donations. Even in these difficult economic times, the boxes are usually stuffed to the brim with cans of tomato soup, Windex and tired-looking tennis shoes.

So many of us are scouring our pockets in order to buy Mom her favorite new chick flick and Dad a replacement necktie for the current one displaying Homer Simpson in all his glory. It's remarkable the excavation work students do to find enough funds to provide for complete strangers when there are roommates and family members expecting their annual Christmas gift.

USU values the principle of service and it shows through the non-stop opportunities available for us to reach out to our local community. Not only do we accumulate knowledge of 18th century literature and biomechanics during our college careers, we develop meaningful character traits through service experience.

Organized donation events like The Clean Drive and Stuff A Bus started with the will of one or a few people who had the goal to make a difference for people who don't have enough money to enjoy steamy mashed potatoes and stuffing with their loved ones during the classic holiday meal.

The motivation behind the generosity strictly being that some Cache Valley residents have unfortunate circumstances with needs that will not be filled if the community does not jump in. Seeing as the USU student body comprises a substantial fraction of Cache Valley, a lot of civic duty rests on the shoulders of the financially unstable. However, the lack of money in student bank accounts does not keep these people from giving what they can if it means someone who is struggling will be able to breathe easier. It seems USU students have grasped the most pure and meaningful aspect of the holidays.

Is it the spirit of the holidays or the eagerness the student body has to serve on a daily basis that causes our campus to provide for numerous families during the Christmas season? Perhaps both influence students to fork over and collect thousands of canned food items for the less fortunate every year. We exhort all Aggies at the dawn of this giving season to remember what goes around comes around.



### Charity a matter of decency

Whether you believe in Jesus Christ, there is no denying that the holiday season has a certain zing to it. Sure, there is the commercialization and the useless gifts, but there is something to be said about the charity and the giving that is encouraged this time of year.

I can recall, even from a young age, going with my brothers every Christmas Eve to anonymously leave the makings for a Christmas dinner on our neighbor's doorstep because the family didn't have much.

I never had too much growing up, but I would consider myself rich because, as comedian Maria Bamford put it, "I have a lot of stuff that I don't need." I am no saint but I do feel obligated to donate my spare change every time I walk by the Salvation Army bell ringers. I hope that I am never down on my luck and need assistance in that way, but I do know lots of good people are.

There is a bill that is being considered in the Utah Legislature that would regulate more strictly the help that is given through welfare programs. The bill would require anyone that receives public assistance from Utah to be tested for drugs. According to The Deseret News, Rep. Carl Wimmer said, "If they are going on the public dole, they should be obeying all laws, including not taking illegal drugs." The logic being that public money should not be used to purchase drugs, assuming that it is used for such. However, this places the legislature in a predicament: It is trying to decide who is worthy of assistance and who isn't.

Historically, the majority of people that are "on the public dole" are single parents, children, the elderly and disabled. There are sure to be many unintended consequences

to the law and some would unduly be denied aid. At what cost would we deny our own neighbors the help that they need?

According to The Deseret News, there are approximately 360,000 Utahns that receive some sort of public assistance. The cost of routinely testing each and every one of them for drugs could easily be used to fund drug treatment facilities. As the deceased rapper Tupac Shakur once said, "Instead of war on poverty they got a war on drugs." Rather than focus on a real solution to possible drug problems, some Utah representatives are willing to fund massive drug tests because of their personal beliefs and ignore the public good. The purpose of the welfare programs is to help those who cannot help themselves. Why would we force the needy to jump through more bureaucratic hoops and make it even more difficult to receive aid?

Whether people are Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Atheist or of any other denomination, they should all be able to agree on human decency and helping those in need and doing so out of charity.

During this holiday season, hopefully Utah representatives can feel the non-judgmental holiday spirit and do what would benefit the collective good of Utahns. Here's hoping that our representatives declare a war on poverty, not a war on drugs.

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## Troop surge is best of Obama's bad options

As President Obama prepares to lay out his much-awaited strategy for Afghanistan on Tuesday night, all options look dicey.

But after three weeks in Afghanistan and Pakistan talking to top U.S., Afghan, and Pakistani military and civilian officials, I've decided there is one least-bad option - the only one that could let us exit Afghanistan in three to five years without disaster. That is a temporary surge of about 40,000 troops along the lines laid out by the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, in his report to the president.

I start from the premise, affirmed by top South Asia experts, that to leave Afghanistan now would be a serious strategic error. The Afghan Taliban would seize large chunks of the country, which would sink back into civil war, with neighbors such as Iran, Russia, and Pakistan backing different factions.

Afghan militants would be seen as having defeated NATO (as they did the Soviet Union). Afghanistan would again become a haven for radical jihadis seeking to attack the West or to destabilize Pakistan and get their hands on its nuclear weapons.

"If the United States pulls out of Afghanistan precipitously, without ensuring the security of the population there, it will be committing a crime of unparalleled proportions, not only against Afghanistan, but against Pakistan," said Pervez Hoodbhoy, a distinguished Pakistani physicist and security analyst. I agree.

Yet standing still is not a viable option, either: At present troop levels, NATO is losing ground. Most Afghans don't want the Taliban back, but the militants make gains by providing rough stability and jobs, which the weak central government has not.

The Taliban also make headway by intimidating Afghans, who are afraid to resist because they think the militants are winning. In Kabul today, many believe that the Taliban have unshakable momentum, and that neither

NATO nor the Afghan government has the will to stop them.

The primary goals of a troop surge would be to reverse that momentum, and to move Afghanistan toward a level of stability that its leaders could sustain with limited help from NATO.

How to do this? McChrystal understands that an insurgency can't be defeated by military means alone; more troops would make it possible to funnel more economic aid to troubled regions and intensify training of Afghan security forces. A surge would also facilitate efforts to woo low- and mid-level Taliban to come in from the cold.

The new troops would even improve the chances for a negotiated peace between Afghan leaders and top Taliban leaders who break with al-Qaeda. But such peace negotiations won't make headway as long as the Taliban believe they are winning and only need to wait for a NATO exit.

How would the new troops be used? McChrystal would concentrate substantial numbers in the south of Afghanistan and some additional troops in the east, both Taliban havens. This could stabilize the situation sufficiently to pour in development funds and offer substitutes for poppy-growing, demonstrating a better alternative to Taliban rule.

More stability would enable civilian aid officials to do an end run around the problematic central government headed by President Hamid Karzai. Funds could be funneled directly through good provincial governors, and good cabinet ministers in key areas such as agriculture and rural development, irrespective of Karzai's performance. Stability in some provinces would help promote reform at the center.

A solidified NATO commitment would also encourage Afghans to do more of their own fighting. In some areas, special-forces teams would work with tribes that oppose the Taliban but were reluctant to fight because

NATO support was uncertain. In other areas, villagers will be more willing to set up self-defense forces if NATO troops back them up.

A surge would also include thousands of new trainers to speed the development of the Afghan national army. This army is far from ready to take over in a violent environment; more U.S. troops would buy it time to develop in a more stable situation.

In short, an influx of U.S. troops would give us a shot at creating enough stability in Afghanistan to neutralize Taliban gains, develop local security forces, and move toward a peace settlement endorsed by the country's neighbors. At that point, most NATO troops could leave, with the exception of trainers and advisers.

While some believe we should leave Afghanistan and focus on securing Pakistan, I don't think the latter is possible unless we secure the former. Pakistan is already skittish about new U.S. aid or any increase in the number of American advisers.

If Pakistani military officials think we are quitting Afghanistan, they will support a take-over by their old allies, the Afghan Taliban; they believe these militants would be the most Pakistan-friendly and anti-India in a chaotic, post-NATO Afghanistan. The only chance to get the Pakistani brass to squeeze the Afghan Taliban is if they believe NATO is determined to stabilize Afghanistan.

Achieving such a goal will be difficult, but not impossible, and the alternatives are far more disturbing.

"I want the Americans to get out of Afghanistan, but at a pace that ensures some kind of future for that country," Professor Hoodbhoy told me in a voice filled with emotion. That sounds like a reasonable aim to me.

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Ah, I see you want to keep playing ... You do realize you can't win



## Ask Miss Jones

Dear Miss Jones,

I'm the youngest of six children, and all of my siblings, along with my parents, went to BYU. With the Aggie basketball team playing BYU this week, I'm extremely conflicted.

As far back as I can remember, I've been a BYU fan. I was 5 when my oldest brother graduated from there, and I still remember thinking how badly I wanted to go there. My favorite color is blue, and I named my first pet Cosmo. I always figured I would go there, but when my application letter came back all I saw was, "Dear Mr. Smith, The Admissions Committee for Brigham Young University regrets to inform you that placement in the entering class of 2013 cannot be offered to you." I cried, reapplied, got rejected again and cried some more. I literally didn't go to school for four days. I didn't really have a backup plan but knew a few people who were coming up here to Logan so I applied and got accepted.

Don't get me wrong, I like USU but I still feel like I'm a Cougar. Who should I cheer for in Wednesday's game, and how do I rationalize the decision I've made?

Sincerely Cougar or Aggie Blue

Dear Cougar or Aggie Blue,

I don't know how to put what I'm about to say in appropriate language for a woman of my age and dignity: You don't deserve to be an Aggie; you make me sick; now drag your sorry self back to Provo.

There are only a few things that push my buttons more than college kids who proudly wear another school's colors. None of which

I can mention here. Normally in my column, I try to be positive and supportive because I know all the questions I receive are from the heart and the questioners mean well, but for this question I'm going to be blunt and cut straight to the chase.

In my day, there was none of this "I wanted to go to this school, but didn't get in" crap. If we wanted to get into a certain college, we worked as hard as it took. If you truly were this die-hard BYOO fan then you should have worked harder in high school and maybe you wouldn't have been rejected. But, because I know so many BYU rejects at USU, I guess none of you figured out that attending college isn't a right. It's a privilege. You have to earn your way in.

Just because your five older siblings, mother, father, grandpa and all 12 of his wives went to BYU doesn't give you an automatic bid. This isn't the BCS.

This is what I think you should do for Wednesday night's game: pack your bags, dress up in your nicest BYU fan regalia, paint your body in its "holy" blue and cheer for BYU. And after that, hop on the bus with the dejected team and head back to Provo because we only want true blue Aggie fans here.

Good luck to your team. They're going to need it and remember: "With as many times as Miss Jones has been around the block, her directions must be good."



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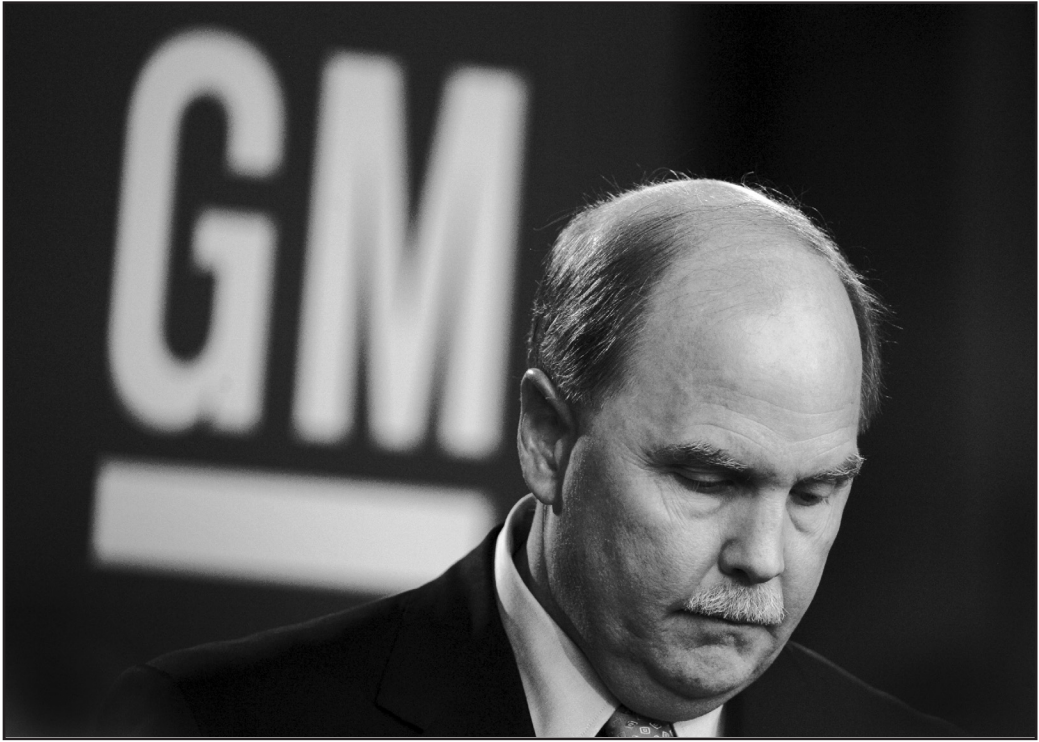
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**GENERAL MOTORS' CEO** Fritz Henderson listens to a question at a news conference in New York in this June 1 file photo. *AP photo*

# GM CEO Henderson resigns

DETROIT (AP) – GM’s board and CEO Fritz Henderson parted ways Tuesday, the board upset that the automaker was changing too slowly and Henderson frustrated with second-guessing, two people close to Henderson said. Board Chairman Ed Whitacre Jr., former head of AT&T Inc., will take over as CEO while a global search is conducted. It was unclear whether Henderson or the board moved first in the surprise resignation, which came just hours before Henderson was to be the high-profile keynote speaker at the Los Angeles Auto Show. At a hastily called news conference at

General Motors Co.’s downtown Detroit headquarters, Whitacre would not answer questions, but said the board and Henderson agreed that he should step down. Whitacre thanked Henderson, 51, a lifelong GM employee, for his leadership and said the company is on the right path toward offering high-quality cars and trucks worldwide. “We now need to accelerate our progress toward that goal,” the 68-year-old Whitacre said in a brief appearance on a stage. Both men were chosen for their jobs by the U.S. government, which owns more than 60 percent of the Detroit automaker in exchange for

giving it billions in loans. But Henderson is a GM insider, while Whitacre is an outsider to the whole industry, having run AT&T for 17 years. Still, Whitacre and the board have become increasingly active in the company’s decisions, at times challenging some of Henderson’s moves. In November, the board voted to abandon plans to sell GM’s European Opel unit, reversing an earlier option favored by Henderson to sell it to a group led by Canadian auto parts supplier Magna International Inc. Henderson, who rose through GM’s ranks over a 25-year career, was chosen by the Obama administration to run GM in March after it forced out former CEO Rick Wagoner. His brief tenure was marked by GM’s record-fast departure from bankruptcy court but also some failed deals and weak sales. The people close to Henderson, who asked not to be identified because Henderson has not spoken, said he was frustrated from the beginning by the board and government push for faster change and other questions about his decisions. Henderson, one of the people said, was confident that the company was making progress and thought he deserved more autonomy. In the past few months GM has stabilized its U.S. market share at around 20 percent and has shown some monthly sales increases in the U.S. and Asia. But on Tuesday, GM released November sales figures that were 2 percent below the same month last year, when sales hit a 26-year low. The decline came after Whitacre began pushing for increased sales and market share. Henderson, the other person close to him said, had expressed concern that his tenure was doomed from the start. “I don’t think this has much to do with Fritz Henderson’s performance, I think it’s just the wrong time to be a GM lifer,” said Logan Robinson, a former Chrysler attorney and professor of corporate governance at University of Detroit Mercy.

GM could face difficulty in recruiting Henderson’s replacement. Like other struggling companies that have received federal bailout money, any compensation package would have to be approved by federal pay czar Kenneth Feinberg. Henderson replaced Wagoner a few months before GM entered bankruptcy protection. He led the company through a painful government-led and court-supervised reorganization. “I think there was a perception he was too much of an insider,” said Ken Elias, partner with Maryann Keller and Associates, an auto industry consulting firm. “The bankruptcy was not something that occurred because of the recession last August, it was coming for decades. The reality is GM truly needs an outsider as a leader that has no attachment.” With the government’s help, the company emerged from court protection in just 40 days cleansed of massive debt and burdensome contracts that would have sunk it without roughly \$52 billion in federal loans. An Obama administration official said Tuesday in a statement that “this decision was made by the Board of Directors alone. The Administration was not involved in the decision.” Henderson continued to downsize the automaker after its emergence from bankruptcy. He sought to scale down GM to just four core brands: Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC. While he has largely succeeded in that goal, attempts to sell the company’s other brands have hit obstacles. Swedish luxury sports car maker Koenigsegg Group AB backed out of a deal to buy GM’s Saab brand. GM said Tuesday it has some interested bidders but will wind down Saab if nothing materializes by the end of the year. Henderson’s bid to sell Saturn to race car mogul Roger Penske fell through and the brand is now liquidating. But GM was successful in winning a tentative sale of Hummer to a Chinese construction machinery maker.

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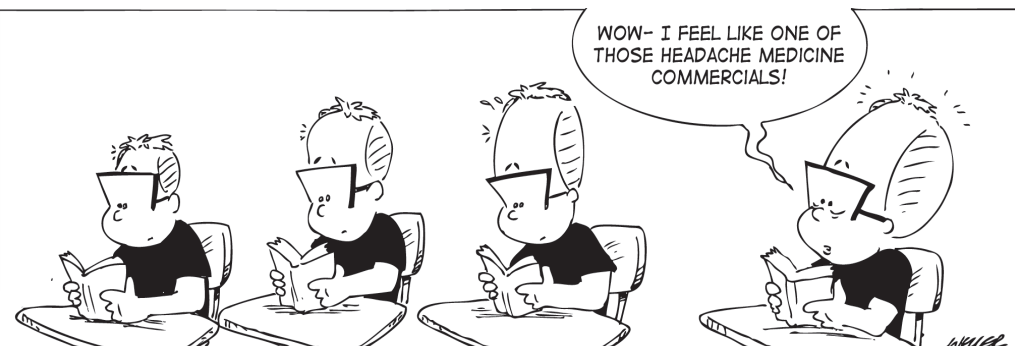
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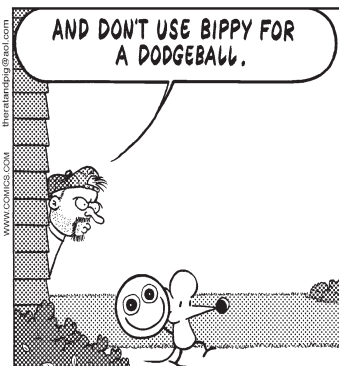
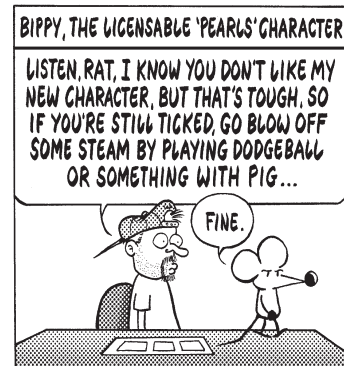
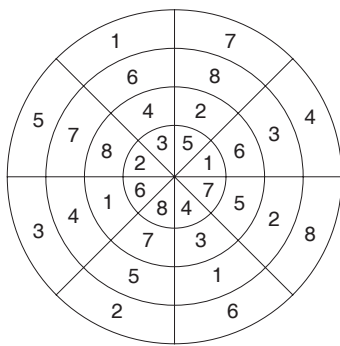
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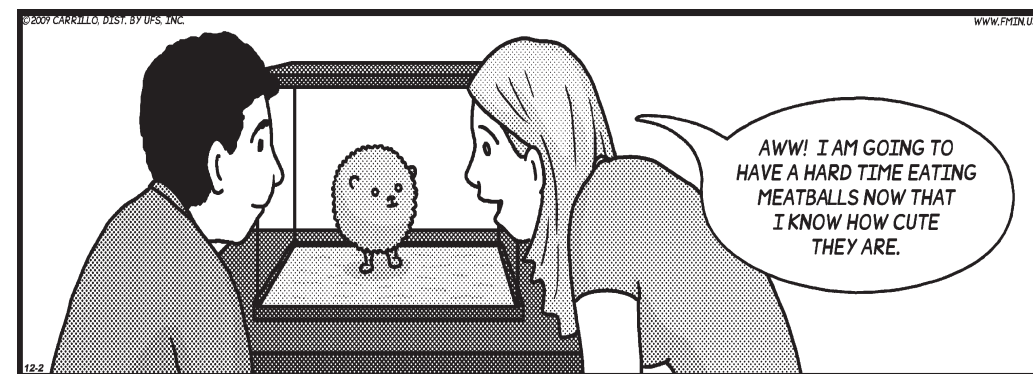
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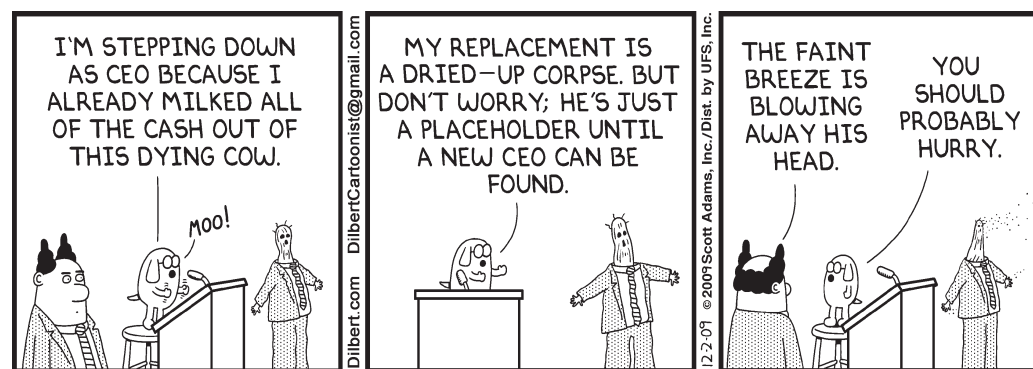
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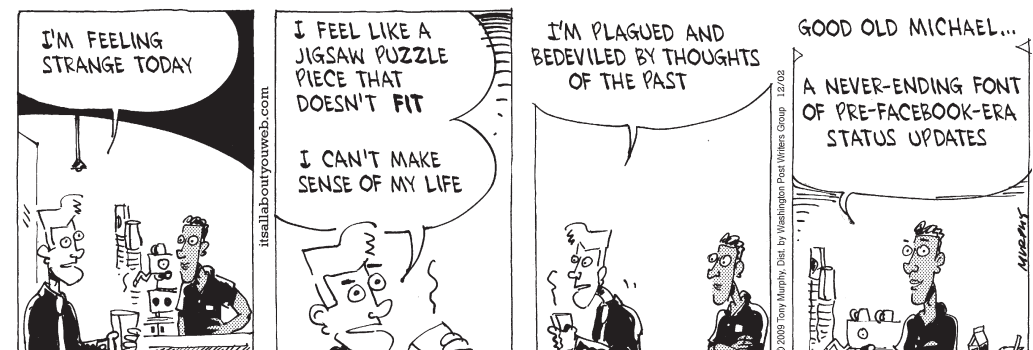
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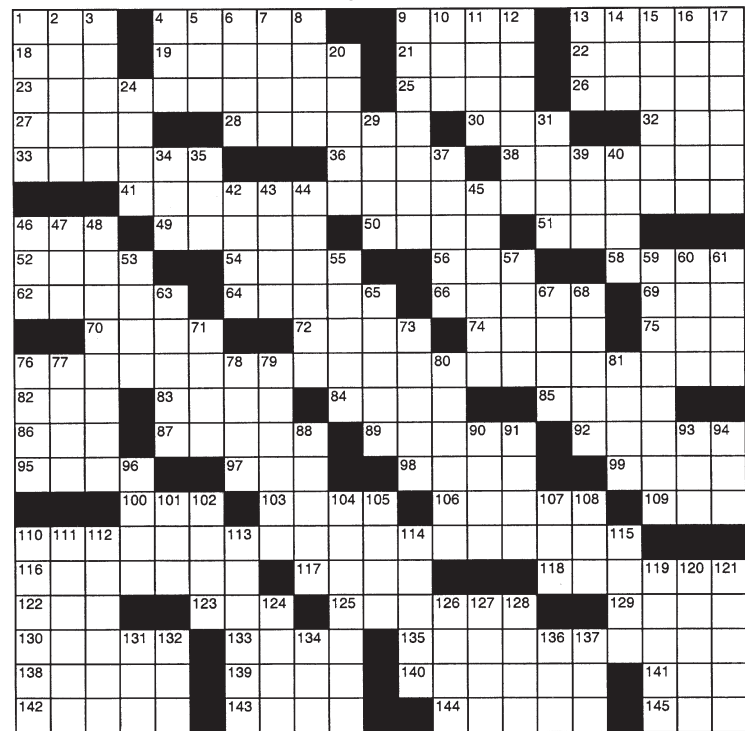


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wine word
  - 4 Hardy hog
  - 9 Metric weight
  - 13 Meeting place
  - 18 "— of You" ('84 hit)
  - 19 Speak freely
  - 21 Designer
  - 22 Meyerbeer masterpiece
  - 23 Speaker of remark at 41
  - 25 Orenburg's river
  - 26 Munch-hausen's title
  - 27 Lhasa —
  - 28 Strut
  - 30 "Mamma —" ('76 song)
  - 32 Cephalopod's squirt
  - 33 German astronomer
  - 36 Blows away
  - 38 Increase
  - 41 Start of remark
  - 46 Cal. page
  - 49 Napoleon's fate
  - 50 Show the way
  - 51 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
  - 52 Welsh symbol
  - 54 "Oh, woe!"
  - 56 QB's stats
  - 58 Depend (on)
  - 62 Basketball's Patrick
  - 64 Blazer part
  - 66 VCR button
  - 69 Pipe cleaner?
  - 70 "A Doll's House" heroine
  - 72 Protection
  - 74 Sweet sandwich
  - 75 Geologic period
  - 76 Part 2 of remark
  - 82 Diminutive suffix
  - 83 Overwhelm
  - 84 Pound of poetry
  - 85 Story
  - 86 "Holy cow!"
  - 87 Actress
  - 89 Elsenhower or Perot
  - 92 Busybody
  - 95 Collic's concern
  - 97 Dadaism founder
  - 98 Drained
  - 99 Singer
  - 100 Carter or Vanderbilt
  - 103 In addition
  - 106 Chemist Marie
  - 109 Savvy
  - 110 Part 3 of remark
  - 116 Studio
  - 117 Port —, Egypt
  - 118 Shoe part
  - 122 — Beta Kappa
  - 123 Director
  - 125 Sampraph
  - 129 Moro of Italy
  - 130 Clerical title
  - 133 Indication
  - 135 End of remark
  - 138 Register
  - 139 Burdon or Idle
  - 142 Poor
  - 143 Salt serving pt.
  - 144 Subdued Simba
  - 145 "Brand New —" ('71 hit)
  - 6 Guns the engine
  - 7 Recruit-to-be's status
  - 8 AKC rejects
  - 9 Cheese-board choice
  - 10 Cape play
  - 11 Faith or Sandler
  - 12 Sphere
  - 13 Sampraph
  - 14 — 'Locka, FL
  - 15 Sea or strait
  - 16 Rodeo horse
  - 17 Pulled hard
  - 20 "Fie!"
  - 24 — me tangere
  - 29 Army offender
  - 31 Pro foe
  - 34 Compass pt.
  - 35 Allen or Reed
  - 37 Use rollerblades
  - 39 Concealed
  - 40 At a distance
  - 42 Lab item
  - 43 Grasso or Wilcox
  - 44 Swung a sickle
  - 45 "Goldfinger" character
  - 46 Stout relative
  - 47 Basilica feature
  - 48 Cupid, for one
  - 53 Feel certain
  - 55 Move smoothly
  - 57 Withered
  - 59 — hour
  - 60 Apollo's instrument
  - 61 1492 or 1776
  - 63 Sward stuff
  - 65 Hungarian composer
  - 67 Penny
  - 68 At present
  - 71 Relative of pre-
  - 73 — throat
  - 76 Grant or Laurie
  - 77 Nautical adverb
  - 78 Salad ingredient
  - 79 Set up for a fall
  - 80 Zapotec's home
  - 81 Marge in the fridge
  - 88 Excellent grade
  - 90 Grad
  - 91 Caligula's nephew
  - 93 Constrain
  - 94 Nile slitherer
  - 96 Author Roald
  - 101 — tai
  - 102 First name in fashion
  - 104 Loyal
  - 105 Fringa's fellow
  - 107 Bankbook abbr.
  - 108 Tokyo, once
  - 110 Occur
  - 111 Natural gas component
  - 112 Actress Hall
  - 113 Cleared the slate
  - 114 Turn of phrase
  - 115 Navy warrior
  - 119 Dagger's partner
  - 120 Put on a pedestal
  - 121 Famous p-p-p-pig
  - 124 Actress Sorvino
  - 126 Item of True Value
  - 127 Singer James
  - 128 Mock
  - 131 Poet McKuen
  - 132 TV Tarzan
  - 134 "M\*A\*S\*H" extras
  - 136 When Pierre perspires
  - 137 Nourished

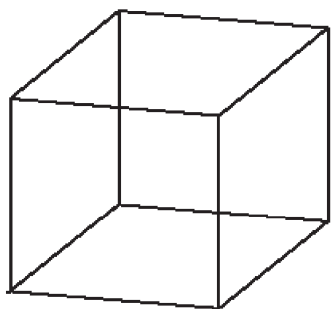


ANSWERS FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE STATESMAN!  
GOOD LUCK!

## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

How many different pairs of parallel lines are in a normal cube?



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## WESTATES theatres

**UNIVERSITY 6**  
1225 N 200 E (Behind Home Depot)

- **2012\* (PG-13)**  
11:30, 2:30, 5:40, 8:50
- **THE BLIND SIDE\* (PG-13)**  
12:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:10
- **A CHRISTMAS CAROL\* (PG) IN DIGITAL 3D**  
11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35
- **NEW MOON\* (PG-13)**  
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- **PLANET 51\* (PG)**  
11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
- **OLD DOGS\* (PG)**  
11:40, 1:35, 3:30, 5:25, 7:20, 9:15

**MOVIES 5**  
2450 N Main Street

- **NEW MOON\* (PG-13)**  
4:10, 7:05 Fri/Sat 9:35
- **FOURTH KIND\* (PG-13)**  
4:00, 6:30 Fri/Sat 9:00
- **MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (R)** 4:15, 6:55, Fri/Sat 9:25
- **A CHRISTMAS CAROL\* (PG)**  
4:10, 7:10 Fri/Sat 9:20
- **AMELIA\* (PG)**  
4:25, 7:10, Fri/Sat 9:25

- **NEW MOON\* (PG-13)**  
1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
- **FANTASTIC MR. FOX\* (PG)**  
1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
- **2012\* (PG-13)**  
1:00, 4:30, 7:40
- **PLANET 51\* (PG)**  
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- **THE BLIND SIDE\* (PG-13)**  
1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
- **NEW MOON\* (PG-13)**  
1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- **OLD DOGS\* (PG)**  
12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:50
- **NINJA ASSASSIN (R)\***  
1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45

**MIDNIGHT SHOWS**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
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Today is **Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009**. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Claire McConkie, senior in exercise science, from Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Almanac

**Today in History:** In 1859, in Charles Town, Va., militant abolitionist John Brown is executed on charges of treason, murder, and insurrection. On the day of his execution, 16 months before the outbreak of the Civil War, John Brown prophetically wrote, "The crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood."

### Weather

**Thursday's Weather**  
High: 30° Low: 7°  
Clear skies



# Statesman **Back Burner**

## Wednesday Dec. 2

- Ecology Seminar, NR 105, 6 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. BYU, 7 p.m.
- The Forgotten Carols, Kent Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday Dec. 3

- Ecology Seminar, ENGR 101, 3 p.m.

## Friday Dec. 4

- Institute Choir Concert, Mountain Crest High, 7 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Pepperdine, 8:30 p.m.

### Student deadlines *You need to know....*

The Registrar's Office would like to remind everyone of the following dates: Tuition and fee payments due on Dec. 11 (by mail), Dec. 18 (in person), Jan. 6, Jan. 15; Registration purge on Dec. 19-20, Jan. 7. First day of spring classes in Jan. 11 and the last day to add without instructor's signature is Jan. 15.

### Poetry Society

Love to write poetry? Check us out <http://utahpoets.com> for the Utah State Poetry Society's 2010 annual contest rules. This year 16 categories are open to non-members for more than \$1,100 in prizes. Deadline for entries is Feb. 1.

### Aggie Passport

The Aggie Passport Experience deadline is extended until Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. Please drop off passports with six or more stamps to TSC 314 by Friday to be eligible for awards.

### Dodgeball

USU baseball's Dodgeball Tournament will be held Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Smithfield City Rec Center. Cost is \$60 per team with six people to a team. Prizes include six month memberships to Gold's Gym and stereo systems from Lynn's Audio and Video. Preregister at Gold's Gym. E-mail [rydo23@hotmail.com](mailto:rydo23@hotmail.com) with questions.

### Stability Balls

The faculty and staff of USU is invited to an innovative full-body workout using Stability Balls. This class improves your fitness level and adds some variety to your workout. Dec. 7-18 MWF, from noon - 1 p.m. in HPER 215. \$15 fee includes a Be Well gym bag or T-shirt.

Spanish Ambassadors Adopt-A-Family **Extravaganza** will be held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3 in the Service Center (TSC 332). Come help make, collect and wrap up Christmas for a local Hispanic family.

The USU Ecology Center will be hosting two **lectures** by Dr. Mark Lomolino. The first will be held Dec. 2 from 6-7 p.m. in NR 105. The second will be held Dec. 3 from 3-4 p.m. with refreshments served at 2:45 p.m. in ENGR 101. They are open to the public and free.

Logan Institute's annual **Christmas Choir Concert** will be Dec. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at Mountain Crest High School. Tickets are \$2 or \$10 a family and can be purchased at the Institute Bookstore.

**Religion in Life** will be held Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Cultural Hall. Religion in Life class will be held Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Cultural Hall.

On Dec. 3 there will be a **recital** for members of the usic department at the Tippet's Gallery starting at 3:30 p.m.

**Stokes Nature Center** invites curious toddlers, ages 2-3, to join it for Parent Tot from 10-11 a.m. on Dec. 4. Explore animals, plants and nature through music, crafts and games. All toddlers must have a parent present. The fee is \$3. To register call 435-755-3239 or email [nature@logannature.org](mailto:nature@logannature.org).

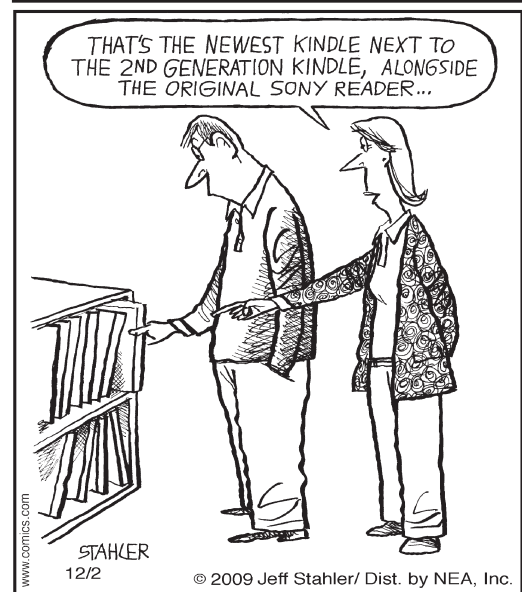
The **Winter Gift Market** is Cache Valley's premier artisan gift market for the holidays from your friends at the Cache Valley Gardeners' Market. This will be held Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bullen Center. Free admission. One of a kind gifts. Visit [www.gardenersmarket.org](http://www.gardenersmarket.org) for more info.

On Dec. 4 Pier 49 Pizza in Providence will be hosting **live music** by Rob Watson and Logan's News Boys starting at 6 p.m. On Dec. 5 it will host Todd Milovich and Spencer Jensen.also starting at 6 p.m.

### Brain Waves • B. Streeter



### Moderately Confused • Stahler



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